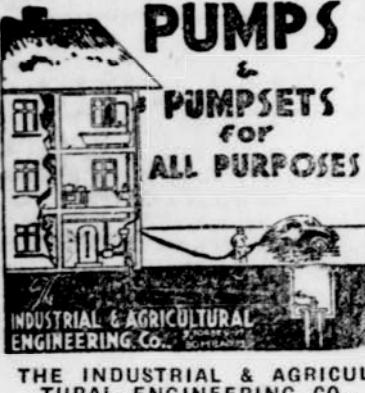


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Anglo-French Plan To Combat Soviet

Fighters & Bombers For Finland

Butler's Statement In Commons

Russia Suffers Reverses On All Fronts

LONDON, February 7.

In the House of Commons, asked to consider the possibility of sending bombers and fighters with crews to aid Finland, Mr. Butler said that as already stated, measures had been taken to assist the Finnish Government with war material from Britain.

He understood that crews were available in Finland, who were competent to fly any machine obtained by Finland.

Replying to supplementary questions Mr. Butler declared that the urgency of Finland's need for assistance was very much realised by the British Government.

NEED FOR QUICK AID TO FINLAND

The need for quick and effective aid to Finland was stressed by Sir Walter Citrine, leader of the British Labour Movement when he with other delegates reached Brussels from Finland last night by air.

Provided this foreign help which had arrived in considerable quantities was increased without delay, the delegates were not pessimistic about the Finns' chances of success.

French Radical Socialists Vote For Help To Finland

PARIS, Feb. 7. A resolution urging Government to take all necessary steps to help Finland was passed by the Radical Socialist Group—the Party of which M. Daladier is the leader in the Chamber of Deputies.

The resolution says "The check which Finland has given to Soviet aggression closely affects the military power and prestige of our enemies. The check is the most effective encouragement to neutral states not to yield to pressure and threat."

Significance is attached to the resolution since M. Daladier leads the Party passing it and since the question of aid for Finland is reported to have been discussed at yesterday's meeting of the Supreme War Council.—Reuter.

Russia Sends Fresh Troops

HELSINKI.—According to reports reaching here, Russians have put a new division of fresh troops on the Karelian Isthmus front, where the Finnish troops have showed amazing physical endurance and refuse to be relieved.—Reuter.

Finns Round Up Remnants Of 'Red' Division

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 7. Stealing through the forests, Finnish patrols to-night are rounding up remnants of the Soviet eighteenth division to prevent its rejoining the four Russian divisions known to be further north.

The newspaper "Allehanda" estimates the number of Russians hitherto killed at Kiteka operations to be at least 5,000.—Reuter.

Danish Colonel Volunteers For Finland

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 7. Colonel Valdemar Tretlow, interned for German sympathies (Continued on page 7, col. 3).



Gen. Smuts

Secret Nazi Organisation In S. Africa

Smuts' Disclosures During Debate On Emergency Regulations Bill

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 7. The extent of the activities of the Nazi Auslander organisation in the Union and South West Africa was revealed by General Smuts opening the Second Reading of the debate on the Emergency Regulations Bill. He said that the organisation absorbed the largest proportion of funds collected in South Africa "for relief in Germany."

Germans, or people of German extraction were compelled to join the organisation or were subjected to social and economic boycott. Relations of the defaulters still in Germany were threatened with confiscation of their property or imprisonment. In South West Africa, local groups were subdivided into smaller cells. The organisation possessed a schlichter or an arbitrator which really was a party court which usurped the jurisdiction of regular courts. The organisation also had a secret newspaper.

General Smuts added that Government had a full list of the whole Nazi organisation membership in South Africa. Government had immediately acted on that list and everyone had been or would be interned. Proof of innocence rested on these people and Government would deal fairly with them as with those interned for German sympathies.—Reuter.



As Death Penalties are increasing in Germany, Hitler has decided to issue Ration Cards for Death Penalties.

Nazis Out To Exterminate Jews From Poland

VATICAN PROTESTS AGAINST RUSSIAN ONSLAUGHT ON RELIGION IN OCCUPIED AREA

LONDON, Feb. 7. Reports continue to come about the persecution and suppression of religious freedom in Poland.

An Amsterdam report says that the annihilation of Jews has already begun and thousands of men, women and children are being expelled from their homes every day. Hundreds are frozen to death in the bitter cold and many die of hunger. Jewish synagogues in German-occupied Poland are being systematically destroyed by the Nazis.

Another indication of the German ill-treatment of Poles is shown in a Nazi newspaper published in Warsaw. This advises Germans living in Poland not to learn Polish.

What Russia Is Doing

An indication as to how religious life is suppressed in Russian-occupied Poland was given last night in a broadcast from Vatican City. It was stated that instructions have been issued to Soviet Government to take the following steps:

- To close all churches.
- To stop activities of all priests after a certain date.
- To seize church property.

British Refugees

Fourteen British refugees, including a former British Vice-Consul, have arrived in Bucharest from Soviet-occupied Poland.—Reuter

Delhi Deadlock In Provinces

'EXPEDITE BUDGET PROPOSALS'

Governors' Instructions To Advisers

(From A Special Correspondent)
PATNA, February 7. Considerable significance is attached to a sudden spurt of Governmental activity in the provinces where Governors have been carrying on the administration with the help of Advisers.

FOLLOWING THE GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE FROM NEW DELHI REGARDING THE VICEROY-GANDHI TALKS AND THE STATEMENT OF MAHATMA GANDHI CLARIFYING THE CONGRESS POSITION, THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS, IT IS UNDERSTOOD, HAVE TAKEN UP SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSALS WHICH SEEM TO HAVE BEEN HELD UP FENDING THE DELHI TALKS.

In most of the provinces, it is understood the draft proposals were ready by the middle of January and were to be considered by Governors of the respective Provinces almost immediately but evidently under instructions from Delhi the proposals were held up pending the outcome of the talks between the Viceroy and Mahatma Gandhi. Anticipating the return of the Congress Ministries, the present administration in the Provinces, it is understood, did not wish to take the responsibility for the framing of budgets. The present move of the Governors, therefore, in taking up the budgets for con-

Raiders Take Revenge

LAHORE, February 7. A gang of about thirty raiders is reported to have shot dead a Moslem, set fire to his house and removed his cattle last night from the village of Kotkaghfar Shah, within the jurisdiction of Mandan Police Station.

It is believed that the nephew of the deceased was suspected to be a spy on tribal raiders.—A.P.

Huge Br. Order For Canada

NEW YORK, Feb. 7. Britain has signed a contract with the Canadian Associated Aircraft for warplanes to the value of over 25 million dollars, according to a Dow Jones Agency dispatch from Ottawa.

This is the largest order of its kind ever given to Canada.—Reuter.

LORD TWEEDSMUIR IMPROVING

OTTAWA, Feb. 7. The doctors' bulletin says that Lord Tweedsmuir passed a comfortable night and his condition is showing satisfactory improvement.

GANDHIJI REACHES WARDHA

WARDHA, Feb. 7. Mahatma Gandhi accompanied by Kasturba Gandhi, Mr. Mahadev Desai and Mr. Pyarelal returned here to-day from Delhi. Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, Secretary of the Ahmedabad Labour Union, also arrived Wardha to-day and left for Shegaon to acquaint Mahatma Gandhi with the situation in Ahmedabad.—A. P.

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STOP PRESS

DENT IN MANNERHEIM LINE?

STOCKHOLM, February 7. During the fierce fighting in Summa sector of the Mannerheim Line, the Russians are believed to have made a dent in the Finnish front line, bringing them within about twenty miles of the important port of Viipuri. It is extremely unlikely, however, that they could penetrate far into the stout defences of the Mannerheim Line, as after the violent battle lasting ten days involving expenditure of vast quantities of ammunition and many lives, they are still only in first line defences.—Reuter.

No Change

The budget proposals as drawn up last month, it is understood, do not involve any changes in the main policy followed by the Congress Ministries. It is considered most unlikely that the budget as finally drafted under the present administration would indicate any material changes in the important programmes undertaken by the Congress Ministries such as prohibition.

New Nazi Tactics

Goebbels Draws Up Peace Plan But Urges War Effort

German Gets Three Years For Listening-In To Br Radio

Thaw has set in on the Western Front and patrol activity has been resumed on both sides. Berlin reports a "lively action" east of Moselle in which one German soldier fell. Weather conditions, however, reduced air activity to practically nil.

An Estonian vessel "Amu" (800 tons) struck a mine off East Coast and three of the crew of 19 are dead while three yet missing.

British Pier Destroyed

A German mine exploded under an East-Coast Pier in Britain and destroyed the centre of it.

A British passenger and cargo ship "Munster" (4,300 tons) was sunk but all on board were saved. The Captain had an arm broken in two places but remained on the bridge to the last.

Nazi Peace Plan & Struggle To Win!

While a Nazi peace plan approved by Hitler was announced by New York radio, Dr. Goebbels in an address to his propaganda chiefs stressed the point that there was only one problem in the forefront for German people was "how we shall win the war. All other problems must be subordinate to this."

German wireless announced the conclusion of a Russo-German Railway Frontier Agreement providing for special tariff to both parties.

GERMAN MINE EXPLODES AND DESTROYS PART OF BR. PIER

LONDON, February 7. A German mine exploded under an east coast pier and destroyed the centre of it.

The whole district was shaken by the force of the explosion and many windows of buildings on the sea front were smashed.

Coast-guards secured another mine washed up three miles away. A mine was also washed up on the beach of a south coast town.—Reuter.

Thaw Sets In: Patrols Active

PARIS, February 7. Thaw has set in, in earnest on the Western Front and this has enabled patrols to resume much of their normal activity.

West of Sarre a number of French patrols penetrated deep into German territory and brought back much useful information. They were not engaged at any point.

Prevailing weather conditions reduced air activity to practically nil.—Reuter.

Berlin Version Of Western Front Activity

BERLIN, February 7. A High Command Communique states: "There were no special events on the Western Front except slight artillery fire between

Mettlach and the Palatinate forest and lively reconnaissance activity.

One reconnoitring expedition east of the Moselle developed into a lively action. One German soldier fell"—Reuter.

Germany's Problem Of Winning War

LONDON, Feb. 7. "This time the decision will be fought out", Dr. Goebbels told responsible chiefs of German Propaganda Service according to the official German wireless. Dr. Goebbels drew a picture of the attitude of German people "during these weeks of waiting for a great decision which will have to be settled definitely this time."

Concluding Dr. Goebbels said, "There is only one problem in the forefront; and that is the problem how we shall win the war. All other problems must be subordinate to this!"—Reuter

For Listening-in To Br. Radio Broadcast

COPENHAGEN, February 6. A Berlin message states that a 52-year old German from Badenweiler was sentenced to three years' hard labour for listening-in to British and French Radio broadcasts.—Reuter

British Cargo Ship Sunk

LONDON, February 7. The passenger and cargo steamer "Munster" (4,300 tons) has (Continued on Page 7 Col. 5)

No Confidence In Allahbux Ministry

KARACHI, Feb. 7. The "United Press" learns that the Hindu Independent Party in the Sind Legislative Assembly has decided to sponsor a no-confidence motion against the Allahbux Ministry within next few days, and that the Congress and Muslim League Parties have decided to support the motion.

It appears that the Hindu Independent Party resolved yesterday to sponsor the motion and had approached the Congress Party for support. An emergent

meeting of the Congress Party in the Assembly was held this evening when the following resolution was passed: "That the Secretary of the Hindu Party be informed that the Congress will support the no-confidence motion against the Ministry when it is moved by the Hindu Party."

The strength of the three opposition groups is said to be about thirty-five in the House of fifty-nine excluding the Speaker.—United Press.

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ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

SUIT NO. 844 OF 1938.

VIRJI PERAJ & Ors ... Plaintiffs.

vs.

Bai KESARBAI, widow of Keshavji Damji ... Defendant.

PURSUANT to the Decree and Decretal order of Reference to Commissioner of the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in the above suit and bearing date the 2nd day of November, 1939. Notice is hereby given that all persons claiming debts or liabilities affecting the estate of Keshavji Damji, deceased, who died at Cutch Gundlall on or about the 17th day of April, 1938 are hereby required to file Affidavit of such claims in writing in the English language in my Office within one calendar month from the date hereof and the said claimants are required to specify their names and addresses, the full particulars of their claims and statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefits of the said order. Affidavit of each claim must be accompanied by a Court-fee Stamp of Rupees Two for filing the same. I hereby request all persons concerned to attend me at my Office on the 15th day of March, 1940, at 12 noon for adjudicating upon the said claims. In default of appearance the claims will be dealt with ex parte. Dated this 1st day of February, 1940.

(Sd.) G. R. KHATRAZ,
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Munshi's Reply To Gandhian Critics

No Fascism, No Coercion And No Violence In Mahatma's Methods

Following is the second instalment of the articles by Mr. K. M. Munshi, forming the final chapter of a book entitled 'I follow the Mahatma.' In this chapter Mr. Munshi treats of Gandhiji's approach to Democracy and Nationalism.

Before Gandhiji came, non-violence was never considered anything but an ideal personal attribute to be dreamt of by moralists and achieved by the Yogis. It was left to him to say in terms that the law of Moral Casuation operates as much through the individual. Groups of men can by eschewing violence and camouflage attain unity of thought, word and deed and become capable of corporate-purposeful conduct of a high order. They can cultivate non-violence not only in conduct but forswear anger and malice while conducting a determined conflict. In the name of non-violence they would, like Collette of Europe, become incapable of resisting coercion or violence. But through this method, they can attain desired results and attract the love and respect of nations.

WESTERN IDEAL

The West which has the world in its wake has forgotten, if not forworn, the law of moral causation of which it claimed to be the instrument. Violence has developed a technique of universal applicability. There is general recoil from freedom. Countries whether democratic or otherwise which have nation-states are armed camps. The need for armaments overweighs life. Personality is stifled. The harmonious and spontaneous working of men's will is replaced by systematic coercion. People are chained slaves to build national pyramids for ambitious Pharo.

Under these conditions Gandhiji has to work. Being an Indian of necessity he has to work through India. Before he came to India, the British had given the country external security, but crippled the unifying power of the culture. Intellectual Indians inspired by Bentham and Mill thought in terms of an out-of-date British Liberalism, which suited no country except Victorian England. Ardent young patriots dreamt of a nation-state for their upstart country in some distant future by a revolution of which no one had an idea. The vast country with its millions lay inert and timid, torn by creeds, languages, by provincial pride, and the self-interest of social groups. Even the unifying ideal of Varanashram has been replaced by an ill-digested theory of equality of men. In the light of its theory the Hindu community appeared nothing better than ill-sorted mosaic of differing patterns. The linguistic provinces which had unity of language, literature and social traditions under the influence of modern education revived the rivalries which had destroyed their petty rulers in medieval times. And Britain has watchfully frustrated the efforts of a nationalism which the unity which it had super-imposed had recently brought into existence.

TWO FUNDAMENTALS.

Gandhiji accepted two of the fundamentals of democratic nationalism of Western Europe. First, the freedom of the individual which the democratic tradition had inherited from the Greeks through Christianity; secondly, the Nation as a secular

organisation, indispensable to modern conditions. His emphasis on truth as a harmony between thought, word and deed of each individual reinvested the dignity of the nation with religious sanctity, and in the nation alone he saw the essential human organisation which would save humanity.

But with his sure eye Gandhiji, while accepting democracy and nationalism, rejected the underlying political belief that suffrage was a substitute for centralised organ of authority. This belief has been responsible for most of the failures of Liberalism either in or out of Government. If freedom had to be won by a conscious process of organisation, discipline should be a condition precedent. Liberalism on the other hand while it fought tyranny and purified public life, outside the favoured soil of England and Netherlands could not build a democratic life because of its inability, to appreciate this fact.

INTERNAL DISCIPLINE.

From the first, therefore, Gandhiji insisted upon internal discipline.

NO FASCISM.

A lot of non-sense is being talked in hostile quarters about the Fascist methods alleged to have been used by Gandhiji against discipline. But Gandhiji's principal weapon for securing discipline has never been violence. It

is only moral force. The rebel is free to leave him, if he so likes. But he cannot be a rebel and claim to command at the same time. If in the name of liberty or for fear of the bogey of Fascism he permitted indiscipline, the attempt to organise a nation by non-violence would be a failure.

VOLUNTARY EFFORTS.

The coercive method is against the Law, and therefore, its adoption will be fatal in the long run. Similarly, he never relies upon external aid or goodwill. Gandhiji's energies are concentrated to bring into existence a spontaneous effort on the part of Indians to conceive and will the Indian Nation into existence.

In order to evoke this spontaneous effort he has made himself into an ideal national leader. He stands for national unity, national strength, national language, national government everything which represents the Nation. He studies the public mind ceaselessly. He has a genius for compelling ever mind to be focussed on him.

He has also created a well-knit group of workers in all the provinces of India who carry his message to the masses inculcate and enforce discipline and when necessary lead or support mass action. These Gandhians provide the steel-frame of all the organisation through which he works in the country down to the villages. They are not his political followers only. They have a religious faith, if not in his methods in him, of Bapu. They saved the Congress when the British Government sought to crush it. They were the effective instruments of direct action constructive work or parliamentary activity.

Scholarships For Training As Pilots

BOMBAY, Feb. 7.

The "United Press" understands that the Government of India have decided to give financial assistance to a few men who are willing to be trained as pilots and to give an undertaking to serve in the Air Forces if and when called upon to do so. So far as the Bombay Flying Club is concerned, it is learnt, eight scholarships have been allotted for further training of qualified pilots, and four for the 'ab-initio' training of unqualified candidates, the latter between the ages 18 and 28.

Special consideration will be given to those over 28 with special qualifications. Training is open to Europeans and Indians eligible for service. Conditions of service and application forms are available on application to Mr. N. K. Dubash, Chief Pilot Instructor, Bombay Flying Club Ltd., Juhu Aerodrome.

Selected candidates will be required to appear before a Selection Board, the first of which will assemble on February 9 at the office of Mr. R. G. Higham, P.W.D. Secretariat, Bombay.

A talk on the subject will be given from the All-India Radio Station, Bombay, at 7 p.m. on February 10.—United Press.

Kher Visits Fort Night High School

Mr. B. G. Kher, the Ex-Prime Minister of Bombay, visited the Bombay Fort Night High School on Monday, and was taken round the classes by the Principal. He evinced great interest in the adult students studying in this School and was surprised to see such a large number of pupils taking advantage of this free night School, after their day's labour. He said it was a pleasure to have the opportunity to visit such a School conducted efficiently by selfless honorary workers.

He asked the teachers to devote a few minutes every day to the study of Hindustani, the National Language of India, and which is understood by three-fourths of the population. He wished to see the School raised to a College in the near future and hoped that this would be the first Night College in Bombay.

Mint Workers Demand War Allowance

A crowded meeting of the Mint workers was held on Chaupaty sands to agitate for War allowance. About 800 workers attended the meeting. Mr. Marathe presiding. Messrs. Karnik, Bahirat, Ghunre and others spoke.

The speakers exhorted the workers to stand united and fight for War allowance. Though the reply from the Mint Master to the Union's representation on the demand was unsatisfactory, the workers should not get despaired and discouraged but, on the other hand, they should fight for their demands with greater vigour. The workers were also urged to sign the petition to be sent to the Mint Master, demanding War allowance.

SOCIALISM WILL SOLVE ALL PROBLEMS

Randive's Lecture In 'Ways To New World Series'

That a new order of society could not be envisaged so long as the exploitation of nation by nation and man by man continued and Socialism was the only way for the emergence of a new order in which exploitation and wars would have no place, and the common man would be assured of his minimum material and intellectual needs, was the plea of Mr. B. T. Randive at a meeting at Blavatsky Lodge on Tuesday evening. The meeting was organised by the Bombay Students' Brotherhood and was the 3rd of a series on 'Ways to a New World'.

The speaker said that though it was the dream of poets and philosophers to refashion a better and juster order of things, they could not translate their dream into a practical form and so pitched their hopes on a mythical heaven where the inequalities of the earth would not exist. It was a pity that despite unprecedented scientific progress and overproduction of wealth, the world was fast sinking into a barbarism unknown to history. The present world reeked with too much of gunpowder and bullets and its appeal was not to the conscience of man. In the New World science would not be the enemy of the common man.

He was of the opinion that a New World was not possible except on the ashes of the old; there could be no compromise. The path was not strewn with roses, but when the "common man" spoke he spoke with authority as his was the voice of the millions.

Mr. Golwalla proposed the vote of thanks.

DIPLOMA IN DRAMATIC ART

(From Our Correspondent.)

NAGPUR, Feb. 5. A meeting of the Executive Council of the Nagpur University was held the report of the local inquiry for admission to the Sitabai College, Akola, was considered and the recommendation was accepted by the Executive Council, subject to the confirmation by the Provincial Government. The College was affiliated to the University for a period of 4 years. The letter of the General Secretary, Molta, Commerce College, Wardha requesting the University to admit the Commerce

ON THE AIR

THURSDAY, FEB. 8.

Bombay I—Programme

144 metres (1231 kc/s)
8 a.m. Keep fit! 8.10 Kolhapur Cigarette Orchestra. 8.15 News in Marathi. 8.20 News in Gujarati. 8.25 D. R. Nimargi. 8.40 News in Hindi. 8.45 News in English. 9 a.m. Topical talk. 9.15 Devotional Ditties. 9.25 Karan Kish. 9.35 Jafar Qaswari. 9.50 Joga on the Harid. 12.30 p.m. Duet from the Discs. 12.45 Gests from the Grooves. 12.57 News in Hindi. 1.00 Musical Melodies. 1.10 Mutual understanding. 1.20 What shall I cook today? 1.30 News in English. 1.35 Lunch hour music. 2.30 Musical prelude. 2.35 Gujarati Literature. 2.55 Gujarati Bhagavata. 3 a.m. 5.00 asked for it. 5.25 News in Marathi. 5.30 News in Gujarati. 5.35 Selected by Dwarikadas Gopalan. 6 News in English. 6.5 News in Hindi. 6.10 Master Shantaram. 6.25 Three Marathi poems. 6.35 Jafar Qaswari. 6.50 Bhimprakash on the Clarinet. 7 D. R. Nimargi. 7.20 Lalita Venkatram. 7.40 Master Shantaram. 7.55 News in Marathi. 8.00 News in Gujarati. 8.05 Hiralal Javeri. 8.15 History as it happens. 8.25 Mrs. J. N. Khatwani. 8.30 News in Hindi. 8.35 News in English. 9.30 B. B. C. News. 9.45 Greeting Summer. 10 Gr. Symphony Orchestra. 10.15 Gerd Lowy. 10.15 Sir Thomas Beecham conducts the London Philharmonic Orchestra. 10.20 George Lenter. 10.30 News in English.

Bombay II—Programme

314 metres (9550 kc/s)
8 to 8.15 a.m. As in Bombay I. 8.15 Khatwani. 8.45 M. U. Khan. 9 to 9.15 As in Bombay I. 9.15 Hiralal Javeri. 9.40 La Mta Venkatram. 10 Close down.
12.30. 12.57 p.m. As in Bombay I. 12.57 Pajrdrudin. 1 to 1.30 As in Bombay I. 1.30 Musical interlude. 1.35 to 3.15 As in Bombay I. 3.15 Close down.
1.40 metres (4280 kc/s)
5 to 5.25 As in Bombay I. 5.25 Ghazals. 5.35 to 6 As in Bombay I. 6 Chitrapat Sangh. 6.10 D. R. Nimargi. 6.15 Chitrapat Sangh. 6.25 Ghazals. 6.30 News in Marathi. 6.35 Ghazals. 6.40 News in Hindi. 6.45 Ghazals. 6.50 News in English. 7 Do not guard your frontiers. 7.15 Hiralal Javeri. 8.15 Commercial news. 7.45 Hiralal Javeri. 8.15 Jalarang Solo. 8.15 Ghazals. 8.25 Tomorrow. 8.30 Weapons of war. 8.45 to 8.55 As in Bombay I. 8.55 Ghazals. 9.30 Indian Olympic Games. 9.45 Ghazals. 10.15 Ram. 10.30 News in English.

Delhi I—Programme

336 metres (886 kc/s)
8 p.m. Ustad Buxdu Khan. 8.20 Uman Khan. 8.40 Pinaforte Solo. 8.45 Ghazals. 8.50 Shukur. 9 For villagers only. 9.30 I want to be a sailor (Hindi). By Commander J. Ryland. 9.45 Delhi Radio Orchestra. 8 Villayit Khan. 8.15 The non-political life of Congress Sessions. 8.30 Mehboob Jan. 8.50 A Carionet recital. 10 Ghazals. 10.35 Persian music.

Delhi II—Programme

604 metres (490 kc/s)
8 to 8.15 p.m. As in Delhi I. 8.15 Villayit Khan. 8.30 Mehboob Jan. 8.50 A Carionet recital. 10 Ghazals. 10.35 Persian music. As in Delhi I. 7.45 Uman Khan. 8 to 10 As in Delhi I. 10.15 Ustad Buxdu Khan. 10.15 Mehboob Jan.

Lahore Programme

276 metres (1086 kc/s)
8 to 8.15 p.m. For the countryside. 7 Malikia Pathani. 7.15 Children's programme. 7.45 Ali Bakhsh. 8 Pajrdrudin. 8.15 Pajrdrudin. 8.30 Santa Khan Qaswari and party. 8.50 Instrumental Interlude. 9.50 Nirmala Devi. 10.50 Thumri Jinhinoti. 10.15 Nirmala Devi.

Dacca Programme

271 metres (1107 kc/s)
8 p.m. Surer Jhankar. 8.55 Binapani Mukherjee. 9.30 Remondha. 9.50 Promodha. 6.5 Gnyaver Pathy. 7 Sachin Das Motilal. 7.45 Theories made easy. 8.3 Shanti Dhar. 8.15 Binapani Mukherjee. 8.45 News in Bengali. 9 Announcements in Bengali. 9.5 Promodha. 9.45 Sachin Das Motilal.

Abdomen Course by Mr. B. S. Ash (London).

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FOREIGN AND TRADE BUYING WITH COVERING IN N. Y. COTTON MARKET

Rise in Wheat And Securities Cheer Up

Bombay: Feb. 7.
Activity on the New York cotton market was restricted on Tuesday by the holiday in Bombay and New Orleans but prices advanced on the firmness of stocks and wheat. The cotton market was quiet but domestic consumption about 7 1/2 million bales and exports about 6 1/2 million bales. Against a crop of 13 1/4 million bales, naturally indicates that the statistical position of cotton is strong and while it is not known what will be the final decision of the American Senate regarding parity payments and export subsidy, there is less disposition to sell. As a matter of fact operators are anxious to await Washington news, cotton prices are steadily but slowly going up with indications that any favourable development will result in a further advance. The question of chemical fertilizers for the coming crop will be a vital factor on which the yield per acre has to depend. During the last year it was difficult to secure supplies and while at present there may be a fair supply but with prolongation of European war, eventually, cotton will be vital and it is not possible to maintain the present high rate of yield per acre. More rice and sorghum in the high staple cotton and certified stock in the high staple cotton. All these factors will exert considerable influence in summer months and particularly when weather is adverse, we will not be surprised to see material rise in cotton prices.

NEW YORK COTTON
(New Contracts)
New York: Feb. 6.
March 11.85-07
May 10.75-12
July 10.42-12
October 9.52-10
December 9.53-10

NEW YORK COTTON
New York: Feb. 6.
March 10.93-09
May 10.61-13
July 10.27-14
October 9.62-10
December 9.58-09

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
Market closed.
11 a.m. Rates. Noon Call.
March 10.90-10.85
May 10.50-10.50
July 10.15-10.15

N. Y. COTTON DAILY STATISTICS
Day's receipts at all U.S. ports 35,000 bales.
Day's exports to Great Britain 15,000 bales.
Day's exports to the Continent 35,000 bales.
Day's exports to China and Japan 15,000 bales.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay: Feb. 7.
B. C. RATES:
T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 to 7/8 May
Bank's selling T. D. D. 1/5 31/32 to 7/8 May
Bank's selling T. D. D. 1/5 1/32 One month
Bank's buying D. 1/5 3/32 One month
Bank's buying 3 months 1/5 1/32 One month
Bank's buying 3 months 1/5 1/32 Two months

NEW YORK
Bank's selling 1 T. 1/5 1/32 One month
Bank's buying D. 1/5 3/32 One month
Bank's buying 3 months 1/5 1/32 One month
Bank's selling 1 T. 1/5 1/32 One month
Bank's buying D. 1/5 3/32 One month
Bank's buying 3 months 1/5 1/32 One month

TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, Feb. 7.
100 Ahmednagar Advance 350 0
250 BOMBAY DYEING 922 8
100 CENTURY 307 4
100 CENTRAL INDIA 295 0
100 COLABA 152 0
100 Coria 120 0
250 David 40 0
250 Dawn 390 0
100 E. D. Sassoon Def. 6-7 3
100 FINLAY 148 0
100 GOKAK 175 0
100 Hindustan 2020 0
100 Indore 39 0
100 Indraprastha 115 0
100 KINOOR 344 0
250 Laxmi 525 0
100 Laxmi, United 142 0
100 MORARJI 180 0
250 Model 77 8
100 FINLAY 148 0
100 Osmanshahi 55 0
100 Phoenix 300 0
250 SASSOON 380 0
100 Shapur 4225 0
50 SIMPLEX 105 8
100 SWADESHI 162 0
100 SWAN 137 0
100 Vishnu 1380 0
100 Western 950 0

BANKS
50-100 Baroda 101 0
50-100 Central 34 0
500 Imperial 500 0
125-500 Imp. Conty. 361 8
100-100 India 14 8
100 Reserve Bank 5-11 6
5 Union 121 12

CEMENTS
100 Empire 630 0
15-100 Juniper 8 8
20 Mercantile 32 0
15-75 New India 36 12
20 Oriental 4170 0
10-50 Vulcan 7 0

ELECTRIC
100 Ahmed. Old 148 14
100 ANDHRA VALLEY 1487 8
100 Central 10 0
50 BOMBAY TRAM 129 8
100 BOMBAY Suburban 165 0
100 BROACH 11 8
100 KARACHI 185 0
100 Poon 166 0
100 Surt 166 0
1000 TATA HYDRO 1322 8

RAILWAYS
500 Ahmedabad Prantij 967 8
100 C. 100 12
100 D. Baramati 95 8
100 Gujrat 94 5
100 Karaikal 91 0
100 Pachora Janner 72 0
100 Sara Sargani 97 0
500 Tapti Valley 757 8

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE.

Bombay: Feb. 7.
Bombay Dyeing (951/4) 945 932 942 927 920
Century (323/8) 317 310 314 316 308 307
Central (311) 301 304 306 343 344
Kinoor (360) 347 356 345 343 344
New Great (365) 360 346 340 342
Simplex (111/8) 108 106 108 105/8
Swadeshi (281) 274 272 275 267 268
Associated Cement (124/4) 124/8 122/8 121/12
Morse Karachi (146/8) 146 148 150 150 150
Tata Hydro (156) 155
Tata Power (1355) 1335 1322/8
Tata Steel (278) 375 373 374 372 374 368
1932 1950 1930 1932 (1925)

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE
Tata Steel 2nd Pref (136/4) 136/8
Bellapur (229/8) 228 230 223 224 221
Bombay Steam (303) 301
Bombay Burma (632/8) 625 607 617 600 597

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES
3 1/2 per cent Paper 91/2; 4 per cent 1960/70 105/12; 5 per cent 1946/55 110/9

BANKS
Bank of Baroda 101; Bank of Hindustan 208; Bank of India 138/8; Central Bank 34; Imperial Bank P. P. 148/8; Imperial Bank P. P. 351/4; Indian Overseas Bank 46/8; Reserve Bank 104/4; Union Bank 51/8

TEXTILES
Ahmed. New Textiles 478; Ambica 262/8; Arun 220; Arvind 150/8; Asok 217/8; Bharatnagar Textiles 2280; Bombay Dyeing 920; Buckingham and Carnation 91/8; Calico 728; Central India 295/10; Century 306/4; Colaba 151/4; Elgin 155/10; Gokak 175; Hukumbhand 165/10; Indus 281/8; Jhalra 281/2; Jubilee 265; Khatau Mankan 151; Kholnour 343/12; Laxmi 100; Madan 225; Madhusudan 200; Marudani 185; Mohi 185; Mysore 105/8; Nandia Bhadrari 77/4; New Great 348/8; Rajpur 710; Rajnagar 155; Rajan 97/8; Sassoon and Al. 150/8; Saurashtra 437/8; Simplex 105; Swadeshi 267/8; Vishnu 1395

ANDHRA
Valley Ord. 1467/8; Tata Hydro 135; Tata Power 1320

ELECTRICS
Ahmedabad Electric 146/4; Almer Electric 10/10; Associated Cement 10/12; Bombay Suburban 156; Bombay Tram 129/8; Electric 225; State Electric 170

MISCELLANEOUS
Aloock Ashdown 430; Associated Cement 122; Bellapur 220; Bombay Burma 197/8; Bombay Burma Old 92/8; Bombay Steam 257/8; Bombay Telephone 87/8; B. Per 4/4; Burma Corporation 61/4; Dalmia Cement 9/8; Indian Bleaching 11/4; Industrial last closing at Rs. 2015 and declined to Rs. 1960. At this level there was some covering and prices rallied to Rs. 1982 but extensive selling from professional operators caused a bad break and towards the close considerable nervousness prevailed and prices dropped down to Rs. 1930 and closed at Rs. 1932/8. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 275 and after declining to Rs. 371 improved to Rs. 373 but slumped to Rs. 365 and finally closed at Rs. 368.

PEPPER AND GINGER PRICES
Bombay: Feb. 7.
(The Pepper and Ginger Merchants' Association, Ltd.)
Pepper ready Allepey per cwt 89 0
Pepper Maha Sud 15th per cwt 89 0
Pepper Chattras Sud 15th per cwt 94 0
Pepper Jeth Sud 15th per cwt 97 8
Pepper ready Lampong in C.I.F. per cwt 10 12
Ginger ready sublessee per cwt 17 0
Ginger ready bleached per cwt 18 0
Ginger Maha Sud 15th per cwt 16 0
Ginger Chattras Sud 15th per cwt 18 0

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ALEXANDRIA COTTON

Alexandria: Feb. 6.
Sakels. Ashmouni. Giza.
Mar. 20.52-4 Apr. 17.69-4 Mar. 18.61-5
May. 19.56-4 Apr. 17.89-4 May. 19.58-5

COTTON PARITY
DIFFERENCE BROAD—
A/N below Liverpool 150 penny per lb.
A/N below New York 150 penny per lb.
A/N below New York 56 cent points.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Liverpool: Feb. 6.
UPPERS. GIZA No. 2
Spot 10.28-10
10.10-10
May 10.19-10
10.10-10
July 10.28-10
10.10-10
October 10.01-11
10.71-11
November 10.01-11
10.71-11
January 10.01-11
10.71-11

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay: Feb. 7.
Pine White Java Sugar (per cw) 18 0
Ready (small grain) Rs. 18/3
Ready (large grain) Rs. 18/5
Shipment January Rs. 9 P.B.H.
Shipment February Rs. 9/4 P.B.H.
Shipment March Rs. 9/7 P.B.H.
Ready (small grain) Rs. 17/9 to 17/11
Ready (large grain) Rs. 17/13 to 18/7
Tone—Steady.

YIELD AND ESTIMATE

On looking to the present condition of the crop, I expect a yield of 66 lbs. lint per acre and the estimate will be about 1,87,275 bales in Compta/Dharwar area from Saur to Chalgad and Alor including Mogal permitted area of which, I expect, arrivals to different markets as under—
Stations Compta Jaiwant Uda. Total

Hubli including	21,000	30,000	3,000	54,000
Dharwar	21,000	30,000	3,000	54,000
Savand	3,000	6,000	700	9,700
Gadag	10,000	50,000	30,000	45,000
Ranebennur	1,700	6,000	4,000	11,700
Bailhongal	15,075	6,000	19,075	
Gokak	4,000	1,000	3,000	8,000
Kudchi	1,500	3,000	4,500	
Tral	2,500	5,000	1,500	9,000
Sangli	2,500	500	3,000	
Budhgaon	1,000	1,000	2,000	
Tral	2,500		3,500	
Chalkarangi	3,500		6,000	
Kagwad	1,000	5,000	6,000	

Aggressive Bear Pressure In Share Bazar

HEAVY DECLINE IN STEEL SHARES

Market Nervous On Nazi Peace Proposal

BOMBAY, Feb. 7.
There was extensive Bear Selling on the local Stock Exchange where Tata Steel shares recorded a big drop. The market was influenced by Nazi peace proposals. Towards the close there was nervousness and after official close Tata Steel D's were quoted at Rs. 1915/-.
Ignoring a statement by Mr. Cordell Hull that there is no prospect of early peace in Europe, the local Share Bazar readily responded to the reported Nazi peace proposals which were even up by New York radio from Amsterdam paper. There seems little truth in these proposals, but it indicates the market mentality where some local professional operators are determined to depress prices in their own interests. These operators were free to sell on Monday and while the market was attempting to regain confidence the activity of professional operators was again damping feeling. The Excess Profits Tax Bill is referred to the Select Committee and the report of the Committee will not be available until March. In the meantime the Central Budget will be out and the market will be called upon to adjust the proposals. February is always a month of uncertainty and prices are influenced by rumours of Budget proposals and this year it will be more anxious as additional burden under Defence and other costs will have to be found out. At the same time it is difficult to have any fair idea as the Government intends to meet the demand to some extent by the proposed Excess Profits Tax and the balance may be made up by fresh borrowing. The effects of 10 per cent Excess Profits Tax are fully discounted but domestic political situation remains a puzzle and while there remains hope for a solution, no definite decision will be taken by the Congress till the next session which is to be held in the third week of the next month. Under such uncertain factors facing the Share Bazar and professionals inclined to sell on the bear side, it will be difficult to improve prices and create optimistic feeling. However, the market position needs a careful watch as the technical position has considerably improved, which can be judged from comparatively narrow bid-ask difference. The industrial outlook is nothing but favourable and so long as the present war continues, the Steel industry is particularly in a strong position and output is maintaining progressive rise while steel prices are well maintained. These factors are bound to increase profits of the Tata Steel Company and investors have reasons to look for very satisfactory activity in the coming year.

WALL-STREET MARKET

Messrs. Bativals and Karani have issued the following report showing quotations of the New York Stock Exchange—
New York: Feb. 8.
4 1/2 per cent 1948/53 108 3/4
4 1/2 per cent 1950/55 110 1/2
1 1/2 per cent 1953/58 111 1/2
5 per cent 1942/47 107
3 per cent 1949/52 96
2 1/2 per cent British Consols 73 1/4
3 per cent War Loan 98 3/8
4 per cent Funding Loan 1960/70 111 1/8
Indian Iron and Steel New Ordinary 58 1/8

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay: Feb. 7.
Yarn No. February. April. June.
60/2s. 140 142 144
60/1 1/2s. 140 142 144
60/1s. 140 142 144
60/3/4s. 140 142 144
60/3/8s. 140 142 144
60/4s. 140 142 144
60/4 1/2s. 140 142 144
60/5s. 140 142 144
60/5 1/2s. 140 142 144
60/6s. 140 142 144
60/6 1/2s. 140 142 144
60/7s. 140 142 144
60/7 1/2s. 140 142 144
60/8s. 140 142 144
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LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON
FOUR POINTS UPSet-back In Cotton And
CommoditiesCONSIDERABLE LOCAL SELLING
IN SILVER ...

The New York cotton was quiet but steady in the absence of any fresh developments. Movements were confined to very narrow margins. Operations in the local cotton market continued colorless. Broach touched Rs. 26.12 as there was no support forthcoming. Price movements in London stocks and shares were irregular. Silver declined on renewal selling.

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK
COTTON PRICES

MARCH 1940	New York, Feb. 7
Previous closing	10.93
To-day's opening	10.92
Difference	-0.01
To-day's closing	10.97
Difference	+0.04

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MARCH 1940	Liverpool, Feb. 7
Previous closing	8.05
To-day's opening	8.04
Difference	-0.01
To-day's closing	8.02
Difference	-0.04

BROACH EXPECTATION

Broach April-May	Rs. 26.12
Broach July-August	Rs. 26.12

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

The trading in March began at 10.92 i.e. one point lower than the last closing. Prices declined slightly on lower Liverpool and scattered liquidation but there after the pressure subsided with March recovering to 10.93 on small buying orders.

BOMBAY COTTON

In the local market, Broach A.M. opened tonight at Rs. 26.12. After declining to Rs. 26.12 the market closed at Rs. 26.12.

NEW YORK COTTON

Following were the opening ranges for New York Cotton Exchange—

Month	New York, Feb. 7
March	10.94/10.95
April	10.94/10.95
May	10.94/10.95
June	10.94/10.95
July	10.94/10.95
August	10.94/10.95
September	10.94/10.95
October	10.94/10.95
November	10.94/10.95
December	10.94/10.95

LONDON COMMODITIES

London, Feb. 7

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NEW YORK STOCK
EXCHANGE

The following are the opening quotations—

General Motors (del 5 1/2) do 53 1/8	27 1/2
U. S. Steel Common (del 5 1/4) do 56 1/8	27 1/2
U. S. Steel Pref. (unquoted) do 116 1/4	27 1/2
31 P. C. STEELING LOAN	27 1/2
3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed	27 1/2
to-day at 230 1/2	27 1/2

LONDON STOCK
EXCHANGE

London, Feb. 7

3 per cent Indian Stock 1280 2/8

3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (230 1/2)

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BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Feb. 7

Following a rise of 9 points in New York cotton futures the local cotton market opened at Rs. 27.12 for Broach April-May delivery and with scattered buying prices improved to Rs. 27.12. At this level there appeared increased selling influenced by weakness in shares on reported. Naul press proposals.

There was absence of support and prices declined to Rs. 27.08, but short covering appeared and prices improved to Rs. 27.12. The tone of the market was quiet.

Later on with a further drop in shares, there was increased selling in the cotton market and Broach April-May declined to Rs. 26.88 and again steadied at Rs. 26.88. Liverpool market opened at a decline of 2 points and later on was 6 points down. In the local market there was increased selling and Broach April-May was quoted at Rs. 26.88.

Later on there was further decline to Rs. 26.84, but active covering appeared and prices improved to Rs. 26.88. Liverpool was unchanged and the market closed at Rs. 26.88.

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DAILY AT 3.30-6.30-10 P.M.
TELEPHONE 31045

LAST DAY!
ED. G. ROBINSON
in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's
"BLACKMAIL"

TO-MORROW!

A tentful of girl-gorgeous
musical fun! The 3 Mad
Mullahs of Mirth in their
grandest, goofiest, rosiest
rodeo!



CAPITOL at 4, 6-30
& 10 p.m.

GOLDWYN FOLLIES
THE WORLD'S
GREATEST SHOW

REGAL At 4, 6-30
& 10 P.M.

DARRYL F. ZANUCK'S
HOLLYWOOD CAVALCADE
with
ALICE FAYE
Don
IN TECHNICOLOR AMECHE

A Brilliant NEW NOTE in
Entertainment with 1001
Thrills of Yesterday!

BOMBAY and SUBURBS

Local Engagements

To-day

Hindu: Posh, Vad 30, 1996
Muslim: Jilbab 20, 1358
Parsi: Sherever 6, 1309
Hightide: 6.23 12.29
Lowtide: 6.30 12.12
Sunrise: 7h. 11m.
Sunset: 6h. 35m.

**BOMBAY LEAGUE OF RADICAL CON-
GRESSMEN**
The Executive Committee of the Bombay
Provincial League of Radical Congressmen,
will meet to-day (Thursday) at 8 p.m. at
the office of the League, (Rajalal Mansion,
Parekh Street, Sandhurst Road.).

DISCOURSE ON "TULSIDAS RAMAYAN"
Swami Gunatitanand will deliver a dis-
course on "Tulsiidas Ramayan" at 5 p.m.
to-day (Thursday) in the Library Hall of
the Ramakrishna Ashram, Khar. The pub-
lic are cordially invited.

WINTER LECTURE SERIES
The twelfth lecture of the Winter Lecture
series will be delivered to-day (Thursday)
at Kshatriya Sanatha's Vanamali Hall,
Dadar (near B. B. and C. I. Railway Sta-
tion) at 6.30 p.m. when Professor (Mrs.)
Irawati Karve, M.A., Ph.D., will speak on
"Language and Society".

LATE MR. N. P. MEISHERI
The following resolutions were passed at
a condolence meeting of the Staff and Stu-
dents of the Grant Medical College held
in Anatomy Theatre on Monday evening.
"This meeting of the Staff and Students
of the Grant Medical College records with
deep regret the sad and untimely demise
of Mr. N. P. Meisneri, 3rd year 3rd term
student of the College, and conveys their
heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved pa-
rents."

NEW HINDI CLASSES
Under the auspices of the Hindi School,
Matunga new classes will be started from
the 12th instant at Nappoo Hall between
8.30 and 9.30 at night and intending stu-
dents may enroll themselves from to-day
between the above-mentioned hours.
As from the same date, viz. 12th Feb-
ruary, special classes for ladies will also
be started at the same place between 3.30
and 4.30 in the afternoon.
Further particulars can be had on en-
quiry at the Hindi School, Nappoo Hall,
Matunga.

HINDUSTANI SHIKSHAK VIDYALAYA
The Secretary, Hindi Prachar Sabha,
Bombay, writes:—
A three months' Refresher Course for the
Hindustani Shikshak Diploma according to
the syllabus laid down by the Government
Board of Education in Hindustani, will be
started from to-day (Thursday) in the pre-
mises of the Secondary Training College,
Dhobi Talao. The classes will be held be-
tween 6 and 8 in the evening. Students
who have passed the "Rashtrabhasha Vi-
sharad" (Madras), the "Rashtrabhasha Vi-
vid" (Wardha) or any other equivalent ex-
amination recognised by the Board will be
eligible for admission to the course.

Amusements Of The Day

CAPITOL—"The Goldwyn Follies" Daily at
4, 6.30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Hollywood Cavalcade" Daily at
4, 6.30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Blackmail" Daily at 3.30, 6.30
and 10 p.m.
ENCLOSURE—"Private Lives of Elizabeth
and Essex" Daily at 4, 6.30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"The Lion Has Wings"
Daily at 4, 6.30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"My Beloved" Daily at 4.15,
7 and 10 p.m.
PATHE—"Apni Nagaria" Daily at 3.30, 6.30
and 9.30 p.m.
ROXY—"Kangan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
Matinee to-day at 1 p.m.

Profits Tax Bill POONA MARKETS CLOSED AS PROTEST

(From Our Correspondent)
POONA, Feb. 6.

Most of the Poona markets re-
mained closed to-day as a mark
of protest against Government of
India's proposed Excess Profits
Tax.

Protest Against Excess Profits Tax

A public meeting of the commercial com-
munity will be held on Friday, the 9th
instant, at 6 p.m. (S.T.) at the Sir Co-
waji Jehangir Hall, under the auspices of
the Chamber of Commerce and Industrial
Associations to protest against the Ex-
cess Profits Tax.

Mr. Chuni Lal B. Mehta, President of this
Chamber, will preside over the public
meeting.

METAL EXCHANGE ASSOCIATION
The Committee of the Metal Exchange
Association, Bombay have sent the follow-
ing telegram to the Government of India,
Finance Department to-day, regarding the
Excess Profits Tax Bill.

"The Committee of the Metal Exchange
Association deplore Excess Profits Tax Bill
and are fully convinced that proposed bill
is premature and will cause great harm to
business community. The Committee there-
fore respectfully urge Government to drop
the bill at present."

Literacy Workers In 'D' & 'E' Wards

Mr. Jayawant K. Telang Supervisor,
Y.M.C.A. Literacy classes was con-
gratulated by Literacy teachers
when Mr. K. T. Mantri, Chief Liter-
ary Officer was in the chair.
Mr. Ankush introduced the presi-
dent and the chief guest. Mr. Telang
said the success of the literacy cam-
paign was due to the industry of the
teachers. Mr. Mantri congratulated all
concerned on their splendid work in
the cause of Literacy.

EGYPT'S CONGRATULATIONS TO MUSLIM INDIAN

On the occasion of the New Arabic Year
1359, the Royal Consulate of Egypt sends
its best congratulations for all the Mus-
lims and specially those of India, wishing
them a Happy New Year.

MUSLIM EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

A meeting of the Governing Board of
the Bombay Presidency Muslim Educational
Conference was held at Haroon Mansion
on Monday under the presidency of Kazi
Sayed Ishak, Kazi of Wai and Mahabesh-
war. A large number of the members of
the Governing Board from different parts
of the Presidency were present.

The Governing Board accepted the in-
vitation of the Belgaum District Muslim
League to hold the Conference Session in
Belgaum. The Conference Session will be
held during the beginning of May. Those
who wish to move resolutions or deliver
lectures are requested to communicate with
Mr. Ahmed E. H. Jaffer, General Secretary,
Haroon Mansion, Poona.

PASSENGERS' AND TRAFFIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION

The Indian Association and the Social
Service League, Bombay desire the Pas-
sengers' and Traffic Relief Association, Bom-
bay to warn passengers from India, who
are usually in the habit of carrying un-
stamped letters with them from friends and
relatives for delivering to the addresses in
East Africa, not to do so as under the
Postal Act it is an offence for a private
person to carry letters for others. Under
normal conditions this practice went un-
checked, but since the outbreak of War as
all passengers are examined at the time
of landing, those in possession of such let-
ters were recently prosecuted at Bombay
and were heavily fined. Passengers on
their journey to East Africa are hereby
warned not to carry letters with them for
others, but to post any letters which under
the Defence Regulations are required to go
through Post Offices and are subject to cen-
sor.

RAJASTHAN SAHITYA MANDAL

With a view to strengthen the forces of
working for the Social, Economical and
National uplift in Rajputana and Central
India, by publishing progressive literature
in Hindi in particular and in other lan-
guages if general, a Society called 'Rajasthan
Sahitya Mandal' was registered at Bombay
under the Registration Act. It will devote
attention to publication of Books, Periodi-
cals and Pamphlets etc. to attain the ob-
ject stated above.

The management affairs of the Society is
vested in a Board of Trustees consisting of
Sri. Baba Narasingh Dass, member of the
A. I. C. C. from Rajputana, Sri. Acharya
Narendra Dev, Dr. K. M. Asraf from Delhi
and Sri. Jai Narayan Vyas, the General
Secretary of the All-India States' People's
Conference.

Sri. Baba Narasingh Dass has come down
to Bombay to get the Society registered.
It is understood that the Society is making
arrangements to start a Hindi Weekly pa-
per very shortly.

PURNAPRAGNA SEVA SANGHA
Sri Purandardas Panayathil will be ce-
lebrated to-day (Thursday) at 8.30 p.m. at
Van Vihar Vidyalaya, Chokky Bhuvan, Bhi-
man Street, Matunga (G. I. P.). Mr. M.
K. Gopalachar, will speak in Kannada on
"The life of Sri Purandardas."

BAN ON 'HOOTING OF SIRENS'

Sind Governor's Hostile
Attacks Protection Order

KARACHI, Feb. 7.
His Excellency the Governor has
promulgated an order known as the
Hostile Attacks (Protection)
Order under rule 51 and 52 of
the Defence of India Rules, ap-
plying to the whole of Karachi
Municipal Cantonment, Drigh-
Road, Port Trust, Railway and
Civil Aerodrome Areas, specifying
that action will be taken by
authorities to protect the general
public against the danger in-
volved in any apprehended at-
tack by land, sea or air and regu-
lating the display of lights.
The order lays down restrictions
on lights, both public and pri-
vate, and also traffic and directs
that they should be all screened
so as to be invisible above the
horizontal line. The order re-
stricts hooting of sirens.

Detailing the procedure to be
adopted when a hostile attack is
made or apprehended, it empow-
ers the force's commander and
the special A. R. P. Officer to
direct black-outs without previous
notice and also empowers police
officers and A. R. P. personnel to
enter upon any immovable prop-
erty for the purpose of protec-
tion. Mr. E. J. Jenner, special A.
R. P. Officer is drafting an elab-
orate programme to carry out
the above order.—A. P.

Conciliation Board Sittings

The Board of Conciliation, appointed
by the Government of Bombay to pre-
solute a settlement in the Bombay city
textile mills wages dispute, will begin
its sittings in the Council Hall
this morning.

The sittings will be from 11 a.m. to
1.30 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
on Tuesdays and Fridays; from
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Mondays
and Thursdays; and from 11 a.m. to
1.30 p.m. on Saturdays.

The Board held a preliminary
meeting to decide on procedure, on Wed-
nesday, February 7. Sir Sajha Shankar
Bansodekar, the Chairman, presided and
all the members were present.

Muslim Sanscrit Scholar Back In India

Bombay, Feb. 7
Dr. Akhtar Hussain Raptul, the first
Muslim to take a Doctorate in Sanskrit in
the Paris University, and a well-known
writer in Urdu and Hindi, has arrived
here by s.s. "Conte Biancamano" to-day.
Dr. Hussain's thesis in "Indian Society
in Sanskrit Drama"—U. P.

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zette notification "all property, moveable
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ian of Enemy Property for British India."

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sions, Marban Road, Bombay. 2. Messrs.
Graphics, 7 Royd Street, Calcutta. 3. The
United Black Forest Industry, Outram Road
Bombay. 4. Mr. W. E. Kollenberg, Ahme-
bad House, Willet Road, Ballard Estate,
Bombay. 5. Mr. Fritz Lindenberg, Carmi-
chael Road, Cumballa Hill, Bombay. 6.
The Indo-Persian Trading Company, Dun-
das Street, Camp, Karachi. 7. The Hans
Holder Engineering and Company, Little
Villa, Victoria Road, Karachi. 8. Mr. Wer-
ner Schneider, Taler Mohal, Cawnpore. 9.
Rotas Industries Bakelite Factory, Sion
Bridge, Bombay. 10. Messrs. D. Hamann
and Company, Victoria Building, Parsi Ba-
zar Street, Fort, Bombay.

VILE PARLE TALUKA CONGRESS

A meeting of the above newly-elected
Congress Committee held on Monday last
to elect the office-bearers for the current
year, the following office-bearers were elec-
ted:—President: Smt. Nirmalaben Desai;
Secretaries: Smt. Deviben Desai and Sri.
Yogendra N. Mehta; Hon. Treasurer: Sri.
Sadhav Bhide.

ALL MAHARASHTRA CONGRESS YOUTH

A public meeting will be held to-day
(Thursday) at 6.30 p.m. at Shivaji Park,
Dadar, to support the All Maharashtra Con-
gress Youth Conference when Sri. S. K.
Patil (Secretary, B. P. C. C.); Yusuf Me-
herally (Congress Socialist); B. T. Ranadive
(Communist); R. S. Nimkar (Bombay La-
bour); V. B. Karnik (League of Radical
Congressmen); and K. F. Nariman will
speak.

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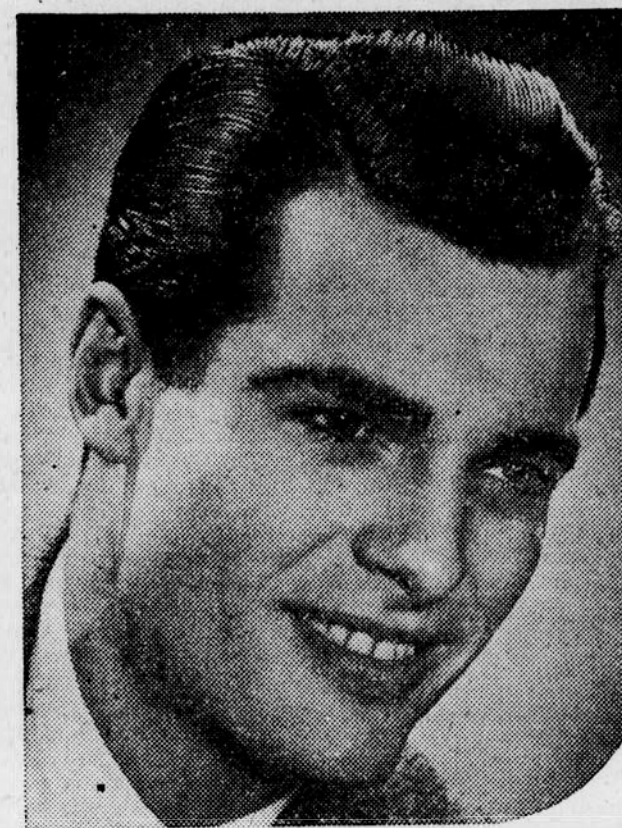
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WAR ALLOWANCE FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Standing Committee Con- siders Question

The Standing Committee of the
Municipal Corporation met on
Wednesday afternoon in the Cor-
poration Hall under the presi-
dency of Mr. Jethalal Vora, when
discussion on the grant of dear-
ness allowance to Municipal Em-
ployees was resumed. It was
revealed that if Rs. 2/- were given
per month to all permanent em-
ployees of the Municipality, who

were drawing Rs. 50/- or less per
month, the Municipality would be
burdened with an extra expendi-
ture of Rs. 3,14,000 per year. At
Rs. 2/8 per individual the extra
expenditure would be Rs. 3,92,000.

DAILY WAGE EARNERS

To a question from Mr. Bha-
vanji A. Khimji as to how much
extra amount would be required if
the allowance were made to daily-
paid workers, the Commissioner
stated that the wage offered on a
daily basis was governed by the
daily market. By paying them the
allowance, there would be a dis-

turbance in the market conditions
governing their employment. The
additional liability to Corporation
in paying an extra anna to
its daily labour would be Rs. 70,000
annually.

Mr. B. A. Khimji then proposed
that further discussion on the
subject be adjourned for a week
to allow the Commissioner to re-
port fully whether something could
be done for the benefit of daily
and temporary staff, and also to
make any recommendation be
considered necessary.

Mr. Eunderdas Morarjee second-
ed the resolution which was car-
ried.

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THE SUREST WAY

The reactions in the country to the Gandhi-Viceroy talks are as indefinite as were the talks themselves. Few people see much ground for hope about an early amicable settlement, but few are prepared to abandon all hope. Nor has the position been made clearer or more promising by the reports of the Jinnah-Viceroy interview and the publication of the correspondence that passed between the two in recent weeks. Congressmen are reticent on the situation, probably leaving all comments to Gandhi, who knows best the Viceroy's mind and the latter's offer on behalf of the British Government. Gandhi's own statement shows that, unless the British Government make a much nearer approach to the Congress demands, there can be no real settlement. He has not yet lost hope of a settlement, but what little hope he still has is based less on past negotiations than on his sense of the justice of India's cause. That he wants the Congress to be prepared for any emergency is evident from words in his statement: "If that success does not come in the near future, I can only say, Heaven help India, Britain and the world."

What India Wants

The British press has not yet given a clear enough lead to the Government in its comments on the Gandhi-Linlithgow talks. The "Daily Herald" does not in the least improve the position when it suggests vaguely that the British Government should offer India "at the very earliest a practicable advance towards full democratic partnership in the Commonwealth" and that "Indian statesmen should so compose their own differences as to make that advance a plain possibility." If it is suggested that Britain is to be the judge of the practicability or the extent of the advance and that an agreement among all Indian statesmen is a condition precedent to any declaration by Britain, that is, indeed, what the British Government have already said but that is not what India can possibly accept. India wants complete self-determination. The "Birmingham

Post" is at least more clear and frank when it says that Britain cannot accept the Congress demand "for a Constituent Assembly that shall reflect with reasonable accuracy the strength of the Congress in the electorate." If Britain really wants a lasting settlement with India, the latter must necessarily formulate her own constitution, the relations with Britain being matters for mutual adjustment. This can be done only through a fully representative body like a Constituent Assembly. It is not fair to fight shy of such a body merely because it is sure to contain a majority for the Congress.

Inter-Communal Unity

Congressmen are naturally more concerned with their constructive work than with speculation about Britain's attitude towards India. Gandhi has again urged them to carry out in letter and spirit the Constructive Programme. That is to be the programme whether it is to be for peace or for war. Necessarily, the greatest attention is to be paid to communal amity. So far as the Hindu-Muslim question is concerned, Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan states that the cancellation of the proposed meeting between Gandhi and Mr. Jinnah is due only to the postponement of the discussions between Gandhi and the Viceroy, suggesting thereby that the meeting itself is only postponed. Meanwhile, the Hindu-Muslim Unity Conference of Bengal is being welcomed on all sides and is to be held next week. Recent developments have led many leaders to take a more realistic view of the Indian problem. The tone of the Bengal Premier's latest speech on the communal problem is particularly significant. Nor is it unreasonable to hope that H. H. the Aga Khan, who has just arrived in India, may exert wholesome influence at Muslim meetings and conferences. It will be best for all to realise that communal goodwill, whether it is to be ensured by pacts between leaders or mass contact, is the surest way to India's salvation.

Balkan Trends

The latest news from the Balkans indicates that Ankara is energetically acting in forming a bloc of the Balkan and Danubian basin states. As we have already emphasised, the predominant strategic position and vital national interests of modern Turkey entitle her to this leadership in a sphere where in the existing situation, her military prowess and potentialities can be effectively felt. The response that the tandem of Matkox-Sarajoglu are receiving during their visit to the Balkan capitals is both impressive and eloquent. The Balkans evidently realise that the slogan 'Balkans for the Balkan people' is being translated in action with the crystallisation in unity and resistance that is taking place under the capable leadership of Ankara.

Turkish leadership, for one thing, neutralises any actual or possible attempt at disruption of the essential unity in common interests and aims that exists amongst the Balkan group of little States. Secondly, the fact that Rumania and Turkey have been given guarantee of security by Great Britain and France does not, as has been suggested in certain quarters, invalidate the Turks' right to participate in a movement with which Balkan security, along with their own, is bound up. Thirdly, Turkey is pre-eminently well qualified to arbitrate, if the need arose, in what is expected to develop into an issue of racial conflict on a European scale. The reaction so far recorded to the Turkish gesture in Bulgaria indicates that the Soviet hold on that country is not so strong as to render the Bulgarians stubborn and resistant to a move which, if not directly or professedly anti-Soviet, could be construed, despite the fundamental aims of Balkan neutrality and peace underlying Turkey's efforts to strengthen the Balkan entente, as calculated to thwart to watch the reaction to this situation in Rome where the Balkans are claimed, next to the Mediterranean, to be a special sphere of influence and interest.

Censor's Sixth Sense

Tricks Of The Spies

By GERALD CARR

Science, a sixth sense, and high intelligence are the three weapons used by the censor to outwit the enemy agent. It is a ceaseless battle of wits in which the censorship division is much better equipped than in the last war as the result of new inventions.

One of great importance is the camera and ray that makes it possible to detect the traces left by any "invisible" writing. It is impossible to hoodwink this apparatus for the actual marks and roughness left by any instrument on the paper can be detected. Mathematics plays quite a considerable part in censorship, though the connection between the two might seem rather distant and the employment of eminent mathematicians quite unnecessary. But mathematics assists in unravelling the most complicated code and often makes it a matter of hours instead of days.

Yet it is impossible to use these and other weapons on all correspondence that passes through the censor's hands, and thus it is that every censor develops a sixth sense that indicates the doubtful correspondent. Many of the censors at present employed were doing this work in the last war. They are well-equipped to know the tricks of the spies. Women seem especially adept at "reading between the lines" and scenting the enemy agent.

It may be that the next letter written by this man will also have some reference to the kittens. The reiteration emphasises suspicion and the intelligence men will probably take an interest in his movements. They will be specially interested to know whether he does own any kittens. Perhaps he does not—then the police will probably take him in charge.

an enemy agent trying to pass on news of some military or industrial activity. The censor, working from the secret centre and surrounded by guards that make admittance more difficult than the obtaining of a pass for Aldershot, determined both to discover and outwit the spy.

The strong card of the spy is simplicity. He tries to put his message in such a form that it will make it seem an ordinary phrase, the secret import of which will only be recognised by his fellow spy "on the other side". "Our cat has just had five kittens", may be a normal comment on a household occurrence. But the censor is naturally suspicious of figures and she reads between the lines. If the writer lives near a port it may be that "five kittens" stands for five ships. She will draw the attention of her supervisor to the sentence, which will be recorded on a "white list" devoted to doubtful correspondence.

It is the need for constant repetition that usually encompasses the downfall of a spy. The use of code words such as "cat" for "port" or any similar system falls down because sooner or later the censor gets suspicious. But this does not necessarily mean that the man will be arrested. Skilful men who might have made a fortune as forgers may alter his messages to mislead the enemy, while on his side the spy will continue to reveal to the intelligence department quite a lot about enemy agent activity in this country.

Spies may be allowed to continue in this way for many months, all the time leading the intelligence men in the unravelling of a spy chain.

Keen wits unmask spies when they try to convey their information in other ways. A recent letter that went through the censor's hands included a query, "Does your son collect stamps?" The apparently harmless question aroused suspicion in the censor's mind. Her intelligence suggested a reason for the question and she removed the stamp on the envelope. Beneath it was a message giving important military information.

The subterfuge of letters which appears to be written by a child was used by one agent. They were written in a very bad and scrawly hand and some of them contained little drawings, poorly executed but at first sight seemed to represent various animals. Turned about they could be recognised as maps. Once again, the complicated ruse of

the spy proved to be his undoing because inquiry soon revealed that no child lived at the address given.

The book code is one of the most difficult to unravel and is popular. Here certain words are used to represent other words to be found in a book owned by the writer and the addressee. Without a knowledge of the name of the book, it is very difficult for the department to de-code the letter. Yet here again, suspicion may be aroused by the awkwardness of certain words that have been brought into a sentence to guide the addressee. Or a quotation may start them racking their brains to remember where they read it before. No matter what type of code is used it is very difficult to include it in a letter that will then read just like the letter you and I would write.

Who would imagine that a simple pair of socks would be regarded with suspicion by a censor? Yet this is often the case. And it may be that the fact that the woman censor is a knitter makes her all the more suspicious. Because it is not so difficult to devise a code which can be interpreted by knitting symbols and both women and men will spend quite an interesting time studying these socks. The weakness is, of course, the difficulty of having an ordinary (Continued on page 11, col. 4)

I'll Eat My Hat If This Is Peace

By D. F. KARAKA

Of late there has been almost a systematic repetition of Peace rumours, which come to this country from dubious sources abroad, and which do incalculable harm to the Indian commercial and speculative world. Time and time again, some foreign agency spreads the rumour that peace is being negotiated in Europe and that this war will come abruptly to an end. The most recent of these messages comes from Stockholm via a New York radio station and is flashed all over the world in the twinkling of an eye.

Let us examine this peace plan, which is alleged to have emanated from the brain of no less a German militarist than Field Marshal Herr von Goering, and which is further alleged to have had the approval of Herr Hitler. This plan consists of six points, which are to the effect that (1) No country should claim indemnities; (2) Economic problems should be solved by a conference; (3) The Sudeten region must become German; (4) Poland must cede to Germany all territory held by the Reich before the Treaty of Versailles; (5) A plebiscite should be held in Austria under Austro-German-Franco-British supervision, and (6) A German-Franco-British commission should decide on the disposal of Czechoslovakia and Polish lands in order to attain a peaceful agreement.

If this is the Nazi conception of Peace in Europe, then one can confidently say that peace will not come to Europe for yet a while.

The first condition denies the Poles, the Czechs, the Finns the right to claim any indemnity for the damage that has been done to them, their homes, their persons. The flower of Central European manhood has not died in vain. Not for a Peace such as this have the gallant men, who fought behind the walls of Gdynia, given up their lives, when they could as easily have surrendered their country and their people. Not in vain, too, have the gallant armies of Poland and Finland stood up, if only to uphold their country's honour in the face of the overwhelming forces of Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia. No country can now turn to Poland, Czechoslovakia and Finland and say that they will have Peace, but no indemnity. It may not be necessary to inflict on Germany the same crushing terms as did the Treaty

of Versailles after the last Great War, but equally one cannot expect the victims of Nazi aggression to accept Peace without any indemnity whatsoever.

The second condition is the solution of Economic problems by Conference. This has never been denied to Germany. Britain has always offered to negotiate with Germany and to solve economic problems at a Conference. It is Germany, who has persistently rejected the offer of peaceful negotiation. Why should Germany now claim a right which it denied everyone else?

The third condition is the ceding of the Sudeten land to Germany. When after Munich this was granted to Herr Hitler, he had said that it was his last territorial claim in Europe. Hitler could have got the Sudetenland without a war, but he preferred to take it and then march into Czechoslovakia. The Sudetenland, therefore, is the only natural frontier of the Czechs and it must, in their interests, remain as Czech territory.

The fourth condition of Peace is the surrender by Poland to Germany of all territory, which was within the Reich, before the Treaty of Versailles. If this was accepted as a just claim, well might Poland say that it has not fought in vain for its independence ever since the days of Napoleon and rights do not accrue as from a date suitable to Germany. The separation of Poland and the guarantee of its independence is an essential condition to the maintenance of Peace in Europe. It is a safeguard against the domination of Eastern Europe by Germany. It also serves as a buffer State keeping Germany away from Russia and dividing geographically the Fascist from the Socialist totalitarian idea. If these two were allowed to merge into one another, the civilization of the world would be in constant dread of destruction.

Point four is subtle in that it indicates the renunciation of Germany's conquest over Austria. The "anschluss" is to give way to a plebiscite and no one who knows what a plebiscite under Hitler means, will ever accept the idea that Austria is capable of deciding its destiny by a free vote. Dollfus and Schuschnigg and these martyrs, living and dead have stood for Austrian independence. They were loved by their people and their country. Can

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Frankly Speaking

China Has A Future

According to the recent despatches of foreign correspondents in Tokyo, the European war has brought "great expectations" to the Japanese. Although, of course, the pressure of the United States' naval presence in the Pacific is a constant factor not much affected by the present war, the general diversion in Europe of the Western Powers, it is felt, cannot fail to leave Japan a freer hand in a sphere where ordinarily her supremacy and power remain, if not unchallenged, certainly well-entrenched. Japan as a signatory of the later anti-Comintern pacts or for that matter, as a member of the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo axis, did not much matter and has, like Italy, declared her status of neutrality—a position that creates fresh opportunities of greater economic gain and political influence. More than this, the gentleman of the Pacific Institute appear to hope that, the war is a special blessing sent by a far-sighted Providence out of His solicitude for the good people of Nippon—or at any rate their leaders. While the sequel to the French and U. S. diplomatic protests against the aerial bombardment of the French railway is not yet in sight it is interesting to note that French statesmen generally favour support to China as the best policy consistently with their interests in Indo-China. According to the statement published some time ago by the retired Governor of the French Colony, such a policy could also enable a successful defence of French positions in Indo-China. In addition to this, the general policy of Powers like England, France and the U. S., is influenced mainly by the potentialities of goodwill of a free China and its value in terms of the important Chinese market.

Women And Public Work

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, in declaring open the fifth annual conference of the Bombay Presidency Women's Council, did well to commend a greater measure of co-ordination among women's associations in the city. More co-ordination can ensure more and better work and a great deal more economy of expense and effort. An attempt may also be made to re-organise several communal institutions of women on a non-communal basis. Some women's organisations needlessly fight shy of political work. They forget that at the present stage of India's progress it is not right to divide national work into watertight compartments. Secondly, at the present juncture certain forms of what is called purely political work

are among the foremost duties of all adult women as well as men; for instance, supporting the country's demand for Swaraj and Self-determination. Mrs. Naidu most felicitously defined modern womanhood when she said that today women were equal in responsibility and duty with men, without privilege, and without preference.

Literacy In U. P.

The second Literacy Day, which was celebrated in the United Provinces on Sunday, marked the close of a remarkably successful year of a province-wide literacy drive and promises to be the beginning of a still more successful year. The Government's plan last year was simple. People were asked to sign literacy pledges promising to make one person literate or pay Rs. 2. Thus Rs. 38,680 were collected, and through instruction in classes and outside nearly three lakhs of persons were made literate. Incidentally, we would like to note that some of the posters used in the Province to popularise literacy are most impressive and may well be used by literacy agencies in other provinces. What is very important is that literacy certificates were given to these persons only after they had passed a test requiring the attainment of ability to read and write and the possession of an elementary knowledge of the geography of India and arithmetic.

Rural Libraries

The importance of this test which requires something more than mere capacity to read lies in the fact that the training necessary for the test prevents an early relapse into illiteracy, a point often forgotten by many impatient or inexperienced literacy workers. Another agency to prevent, lapse into illiteracy is rural libraries; and the U. P. Government did well to start nearly 800 such libraries at the very commencement of the literacy drive, each library containing about 300 books and having five branches which received a box containing 20 to 30 books each month. That these libraries served a valuable purpose is evident from the fact that the number of books issued to the public during the last year was 12,20,131. We earnestly hope that in spite of the absence of the Congress Ministry the present Government will carry on this splendid work with all the zeal and enterprise which the Ministry evoked from the public.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

ROME, February 6. Russia has hurriedly resumed work on the fortifications all along the Manchukuo frontier following the breakdown of the boundary negotiations with Japan according to the "Red Star" the organ of the Red Army quoted in a Moscow dispatch to Stefani agency.

It is added that at the same time work is being rapidly pushed forward to transform Vladivostok into a fortified naval base.—Reuter.

In the course of a talk with Lahore journalist on his return from Delhi, Sir Sikandar Hayat Khan expressed the view that Linlithgow-Gandhi talks had not ended in smoke.

But he has put them in his pipe all the same.

"Would that we could share the optimism of men like Sir Sikandar Hayat Khan and others that things are not as black as they look", bewails the "Paper for Home and Office."

But the black cat which crossed Mahatma Gandhi's path while he was leaving Biria House to interview the Viceroy, it seems, did prove a red herring!

The Assembly yesterday refused assent to Mr. Lalchand Navaral's proposal to prescribe educational and moral qualifications for editors of newspapers and keepers of presses in India.

What hard luck! Just when we were thinking of joining an Adult Literacy Class.

The Junior Colleague is now sending his slate and pencil (which he pinched from a stationer when the Bill was introduced) to Mr. Lalchand Navaral.

Do not hanker after offices, was the advice given by Mr. M. N. Roy at Patna.

And yet he refuses to withdraw his nomination for the Congress Presidentialship!

TOKYO. A Japanese field dispatch states that bodies of 20,000 Chinese were counted on the battlefield by the Japanese near Manning and Pingyang, in Kwangsi Province.—Reuter.

PARIS. Three million Poles are estimated to have died since the beginning of September, 1939, as a result of German oppressive measures, according to the "Petit Parisien".

HELSEINKI.

The 18th Soviet Division, which was marooned for over a week at Kiteka, to the north-east of Lake Ladoga, is virtually wiped out. Between 15,000 and 20,000 men were killed or captured, or died of cold and hunger.

LEBENSRAUM! TO-DAY'S FRIZE HOWLERS (Perpetrated by Junior Colleague) (1) Following his recent recantation of the Jubbulpore speech, Maulvi Fazlul Haq, Premier of Bengal, will appear in sack-cloth and ashes at the Hindu-Muslim Round Table Conference convened by him in Calcutta.

(2) In exchange for the nine Germans taken from the "Asama Maru" and now returned, Japan is restoring ninety British trousers to their legitimate owners.

LESS SILVER IN FOUR-ANNA PIECES.—Headline.

What is worse is that even on the political horizon, there is less silver in the silver lining.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Luxury is likely to transform pleasures into burdens.

Silver linings fail to interest the owner of the absent umbrella.

Nothing aggravates a girl so much as her inability to make a man angry.

A woman begins to sit up and take notice when other women say nice things about her husband.

Many a man fails to make good because he spends most of his time trying to prove that luck is against him.

Beware of people who pat you on the back. They may be looking for an opportunity to kick your feet from under you.

Solution Of Economic And Social Problems

Representatives Of 10 Nations Meet To Co-ordinate League's Activities

THE HAGUE, Feb. 7. The representatives of ten nations Britain, France, Australia, Turkey, Portugal, Belgium, Holland, Norway, Switzerland and Argentina—are meeting to-day at The Hague Palace to establish a new body for co-ordinating the economic and social activities of the League of Nations.

The body will be called "The Central Committee for Economic and Social Problems."

This was recommended last Autumn in a report dealt with by a committee presided over by the Australian High Commissioner in London Mr. S. M. Bruce. The report proposed that states not members of the League should co-operate with the Central Committee's work, and there is reason to believe that Italy is watching developments with interest.

The former Dutch Premier Dr. Colijn, who almost certainly will be the Chairman of the new

body, had long talks with Count Ciano on the subject during his recent visit to Rome.

Though Italy is not likely to take any positive step at the present stage it is understood that Sgt. Mussolini will give the committee the closest consideration when it gets going.

The United States is represented by Mr. Winant, Director of the International Labour Office. The conference is likely to last three days and will be held in private.

Difficulties of travel are a reason for the meeting being held at The Hague, otherwise it would have been held at Geneva.

Another League body—the Financial Commission—is conferring at the Peace Palace. M. Hambro, President of the Norwegian Parliament, is the Chairman of the commission and the discussions are expected to last two days.—Reuter.

"CLOSER FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN TURKEY AND BULGARIA"

SOFIA, Feb. 7. M. Sarajoglu was given a cordial send off when he left after an eight-hour visit. Importance of his meetings with M. Kiossewanoff is emphasised as a factor consolidating peace in the Balkans.

The Press warmly extols M. Sarajoglu's visit. The "Slovo" writes, "One of the practical results of the Belgrade conference is closer friendship between Turkey and Bulgaria which creates the possibility of real Balkan collaboration for the preservation of peace.—Reuter.

5 SHILLINGS INCREASE IN WAGES

LONDON, Feb. 7. Million and quarter workers in engineering and ship-building industries will receive an increase of five shillings weekly as a result of the agreement between representatives of employers and unions.

The unions had asked for 10 shillings increase and the present agreement is subject to ratification by individual unions.—Reuter.

BOMB FOUND IN OMNIBUS

LONDON, Feb. 6. A bomb was found this afternoon in an omnibus at Victoria station. It had burnt itself out, no damage was done and no one hurt.—Reuter.

New Zealand's Contribution To War

LONDON, Feb. 6. Hundred years ago the British and the Maoris (New Zealand) signed a treaty at Waitangi placing the two communities on a basis of equality and the treaty was honoured in letter and spirit ever since. This point was emphasised by the New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr. Savage, broadcasting to Britain to-night.

New Zealand, he said, is developing her own culture influenced by Maori culture and lore. It proved its nationhood when it sent over 100,000 soldiers to serve in the world war and is now proving that it will not weaken as years pass.—Reuter.

BARNES AND RICHARDS EXECUTED

LONDON, Feb. 7. Barnes and Richards were executed at 9.00 a.m. From dawn police guards were further reinforced and there were more police than bystanders. Immediately small groups collected, they were moved on by the police. As the clock chimed nine the onlookers bared their heads but there was no sign of demonstration.—Reuter.

BANNU, Feb. 7. The headquarters of the Waziristan district have been transferred from Dera Ismail Khan to Bannu. It is understood that this is in accordance with normal procedure when there is unusual tribal activity in a particular area. Troops in the Bannu are being granted additional concessions including concessions in regard to rations and clothing.—A.P.

NAZI "PEACE" PROPOSALS!

Six Conditions: No Indemnity: Economic Problems To Be Solved By Conference: Plebiscite In Austria

LONDON, Feb. 7. A six-point-peace plan alleged to have been drafted by Field Marshal Goering and approved by Herr Hitler was announced by the New York radio quoting a Stockholm report.

THE POINTS WERE FIRSTLY, NO COUNTRY SHOULD CLAIM INDEMNITIES; SECONDLY, ECONOMIC PROBLEMS SHOULD BE SOLVED BY CONFERENCE; THIRDLY, THE SUDETEN REGION MUST BECOME GERMAN; FOURTHLY, POLAND MUST CEDE TO GERMANY ALL TERRITORY HELD BY THE REICH BEFORE THE TREATY OF VERSAILLES; FIFTHLY, A PLEBISCITE IN AUSTRIA UNDER AUSTRO-GERMAN-FRANCO-BRITISH SUPERVISION; AND SIXTHLY, A GERMAN-FRANCO-BRITISH COMMISSION SHOULD DECIDE ON THE DISPOSAL OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND POLISH LANDS IN ORDER TO ATTAIN PEACEFUL AGREEMENT.—REUTER.

VICTORY-ADEQUATE CONDITION OF PEACE

Sir Archibald Sinclair's Address At Glasgow

LONDON, Feb. 7. Sir Archibald Sinclair, discussing the question of peace, in an address at his installation as Lord Rector of Glasgow University said that an indispensable condition for obtaining an adequate peace was victory.

The Nazi system was a cancer in the body of Europe, devouring all healthy tissues of civilisation and replacing them with, perhaps, the most cruel, remorseless, perfidious and certainly the most efficient tyranny the world had ever known.

Sir Archibald Sinclair referred to the concentration camps as "those loathsome festering sores" and continued, "In fighting Hitler's foul conspiracy against principles of decency and western civilisation, none can doubt the justice of our cause."

It was a gigantic and hazardous enterprise to which we were committed which called for the greatest effort that the whole nation and every individual, man and woman, could exert.—Reuter.

ON FINNISH FRONT

(Continued from page 1.) Commanding the First Infantry Regiment, is tendering resignation to-day after which he is leaving for Finland to take up the command of 600 Danish volunteers.—Reuter.

Hitler Not To Mediate In Russo-Finnish Dispute

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 7. Renewed reports that Hitler contemplates mediating in Russo-Finnish dispute are denied in Berlin, where officials told neutral correspondents, "There is no question of such a thing."—Reuter.

No German Military Help To Soviet

A Berlin official statement declares "Russia has never asked Germany for support of any kind against Finland and Germany has never given any kind of military support to Russia in the Russo-Finnish conflict."—Reuter.

More Soviet Raids On Finland

LONDON, Feb. 7. In Finland there have been more Soviet air raids and Rovaniemi was heavily bombed. There are no details of the casualties yet, if any.

PARIS: This morning's French communiqué says: "Nothing to report."—Reuter.

Crew Of Torpedoed Br. Freighter

LAPLAS, February 7. The Captain and crew of 53 of the British freighter "Armistar" were landed here last night by the Spanish motor-ship "Montebell". The "Armistar" was torpedoed without warning by a U-boat thirty miles off Lisbon on February 3. The whole crew was rescued. Three native seamen, who were wounded by the explosion, were taken to hospital.—Reuter.



Sir Stafford Cripps CRIPPS FOR SINKIANG

CHUNGKING, February 7. Sir Stafford Cripps, who was on a personal visit to China, left here by air for Hami in Sinkiang.

He is the first British national to enter Sinkiang since the Sino-Japanese war began.—Reuter.

Then, Vishnu Dutt is a good person up in the Volleyball Club, a national sportsman, he told me

Japan To Offer Compensation?

Protest Against Bombing Of Yunnan Railway & Its Sequel

TOKYO, Feb. 7. A spokesman of the Japanese Foreign Office referred to-day to the French and United States protests about the bombing of the Yunnan Railway and stated that Japan was prepared to offer some compensation for damage to life and property after the conclusion of investigations.

France protested on the grounds that some Frenchmen were involved among the hundred victims of the attack and the United States protested on the ground that communications with Chungking were interrupted where Americans were living.—Reuter.

BR. PRESS SATISFIED

LONDON, Feb. 7. The British Press is unanimous this morning in its expression of satisfaction at the settlement of the dispute between Britain and Japan over the "Asama Maru" incident.

"The Times" says: "The question has been handled with skill and vigilance on both sides and an agreement has been reached with comparative speed."

"The Manchester Guardian" says: "Frankly we have no wish to offend Japanese feelings and twenty-one Germans are not worth that result."—Reuter.

'MAGINOT LINE' FOR MANCHUKUO

ROME, Feb. 7. Russia has hurriedly resumed work on fortifications all along the Manchukuo frontier following the breakdown of boundary negotiations with Japan, according to the "Red Star"—the organ of the Red army—quoted in a Moscow dispatch to Sefani Agency.

It is added at the same time work is being rapidly pushed forward to transform Vladivostok into a fortified naval base.—Reuter.

REPEATED SOVIET ATTACKS REPULSED

HELSINKI, February 7. A communiqué states:—On the Isthmus the enemy continued his attacks between Halahdenjaervi and Summa, all of which failed. In the Summa sector the enemy made four attacks with tanks, which were repulsed with losses. Attempts to transport infantry on armoured sledges pulled by tanks also failed.

SOVIET TANKS DESTROYED During the day about twenty tanks were destroyed or put out of action.

On the Eastern Front we scattered completely an enemy ski-battalion. The enemy lost over 300 killed.

Fighting is continuing in the direction of Kuhmo. The enemy's losses in the battle of Kuhmo during the last six days were about 1,500 killed.—Reuter.

BR. & ESTONIAN SHIPS SUNK

Continued from page 1.) been sunk. Survivors were landed, and ambulances being used.

ALL SAVED All were saved on the "Munster". The Captain had an arm broken in two places but remained on the bridge to the last.

One of the crew stated that he was thrown out of his bunk by the force of the explosion. When he arrived on deck life-boats were being lowered and the boats were drifting away from the ship. A motor life-boat went to the assistance of other life-boats and towed them to a collier.

All passengers and crew are safe of the passenger and cargo steamer "Munster" (4,300 tons) which was sunk. Most of those aboard the "Munster" were brought on shore by a tramp steamer. It is believed that the passengers and crew numbered approximately 200.

An official of the shipping company states: "No one from the 'Munster' has been lost. One or two may have been injured, but everybody is safe. Four or five members of the crew are in hospital."

RUSHED TO HOSPITAL Twenty people from the ship were rushed to hospital when they were landed suffering from minor injuries and shock and only a few were detained, a member of the crew stated: "The explosion occurred this morning. There was a blue flash. Then boiling water and pieces of the galley furniture were flung everywhere. Another vessel, eight miles away, seeing our distress flares steamed up and took many on board. Although there were many women and children among the passengers, everyone behaved perfectly. The ship sank in an hour and a half."

The "Munster" was a crack ship of Irish Sea crossings and the largest cross-channel motor vessel in the world. The steamer had 180 passengers and operated between Liverpool and Northern Ireland. She left Belfast last evening.—Reuter.

Estonian Vessel Strikes Mine LONDON, February 7. The Estonian cargo vessel "A. M. U." (800 tons) struck a mine off the east coast last night. Three are dead and three missing of a crew of 19. The Captain and his wife are both stated to be lost. Survivors, some of whom were brought ashore on a raft, include two women.—Reuter.

British Minesweeper Washed Ashore

LONDON, Feb. 6. The Minesweeper, "Sphinx" has been washed ashore and now lies upside down on the beach. Four bodies are visible inside but have so far not been recovered.—Reuter.

CREW OF MINED TANKER LAND AT EAST COAST

LONDON, Feb. 7. The crew of the tanker, "British Councillor", mined in the North Sea on Saturday, have landed at an east coast resort last night.

Six, including the skipper, were taken to hospital and the remainder numbering 35 were taken to a seamen's home.—Reuter.

PAYMENTS DURING CONTROL PERIOD TO RAILWAYS

LONDON, February 7. Capt. Wallace announced that agreement was reached with the railway companies as to the financial arrangements for the period, during which they were under Government control.

The general principle was that undertakings should be operated under a unified control on an economic basis and that appropriate charges should be made for Government traffic.

PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS The main provisions of the agreement were that receipts and expenses of controlled undertakings should be pooled and out of the pool they should be paid annual sums equivalent, in case of ordinary companies, to the average of their net revenues for three years beginning 1935, and in the case of the London Passenger Transport Board, to its net revenue for the year ended June 30, 1939. Payment of these funds amounting approximately to forty millions sterling would be guaranteed by Government. In the event of the pool being in excess of these guaranteed revenues, undertakings would be allowed to retain the first three

A DEWAN'S THESIS ON PRINCES' 'INDEPENDENCE'

"Never Been Conquered Or Annexed: No Transfer Of Allegiance From Br. Crown To Indian People"

MADRAS, Feb. 7. Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer, who has just returned from Pykar, interviewed regarding the statements made and the communiques issued relating to the interviews that took place between H. E. the Viceroy and Messrs. Gandhi and Jinnah recently said.—

"Like many others in India, I also deeply regret the inconclusive nature of the results achieved. I have perused Mr. Gandhi's statement regarding what has been termed the vital difference between the Congress demand and His Excellency's offer and reading it with the statements issued after the interview with Messrs. Gandhi and Jinnah, one realises to the full the distance that separates the parties' inter se."

"In my present position, it would be inappropriate to say anything about British Indian politics and their repercussions on the policy of the United Kingdom, but I may aver without hesitation that the demand for Dominion Status is, in my opinion, conditioned to no small extent upon the speedy attainment of India's capacity for self-defence, an attainment to be worked for intensively by the Government and the people alike. Without a solution of the problem of defence, Dominion Status of any variety whatsoever, cannot under Indian conditions be achieved or maintained."

"GANDHI'S DAY-DREAM" "As for independence of any kind, it is in my humble view, so far beyond the range of practical politics, that it cannot be seriously debated in view especially of what is taking place all over Europe and Asia. It is noteworthy that Mr. Gandhi has definitely admitted that his ideal of an unarmed and peaceful India relying on the goodwill of the whole world is a day-dream at the present moment."

"With regard to the Princes, it is a matter of intense regret that Mr. Gandhi's statement is not helpful and hardly likely to lead to a friendly adjustment. To state that the Princes will have to join the National Assembly not as individuals but as duly elected representatives of their people is to ignore the facts of history and even the present posture of affairs. It is not correct to say that the States have no status apart from the Crown. Many States have maintained an independent existence for hundreds of years, and some States, including Hyderabad and Travancore and many of the Rajput and other States have never been conquered or annexed."

"IF CROWN WITHDRAWS "Undoubtedly, for purposes of defence against aggression and to secure mutual benefits these States entered into alliances with the East India Company, that have been confirmed and continued by the British Government which acquired a dominant position in India. Many of these treaties are on a contractual basis although they are founded also on the theory of allegiance to the British Crown coupled with rights and obligations arising out of treaty and usage. It cannot be asserted that if the Crown parts with power to-day, the Princes also have to do so. Nor can there be an automatic transference of allegiance or obligations or rights to some other political entity, excepting on the basis of fresh understandings and new treaties."

"On the other hand, if the Crown withdraws from India, the Indian States presumably will resume the position they occupied in India before the treaties were entered into. No argument based on non-recognition of this fundamental fact can possibly be accepted by the States, whose adherence to the British Crown cannot be regarded as a matter for political transfer even without reference to the States and history of the Indian rulers."—A.P.

the Aaland islands. The crew of the convoy left their ships and took refuge in a nearby island. After the bombs had been dropped they returned to their ships. The planes returned and machinegunned them but nobody was wounded. The "Evirgo" then sank.—Reuter.

Protection For Br. Light Shipping

LONDON, Feb. 7. In view of the several recent savage and anarchic attacks by German aircraft on lightships round British coasts and the murder of some of their crews, special measures would be taken to provide protection for this service, declared Mr. Churchill in the House of Commons.

Where possible, light floats would replace lightships in outer positions.—Reuter.

'PLANES BOMB & SINK SWEDISH STEAMER

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 7. A small Swedish steamer "Evirgo", was bombed and sunk by Russian aircraft in the Baltic yesterday. "Evirgo" with a crew of 18 was bound from Abo to Stockholm with five other vessels in convoy when attacked by Russian bombers near Mariehamn in

Nazi-Soviet Railway Freight Pact

BERLIN, February 7. The German wireless has announced the conclusion of a Russo-German railway frontier agreement providing for special railway tariffs for transport of wheat, oil, steel and manganese ore and other articles and for use by either party of frontier railway stations.—Reuter.

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Keen Rivalry In Ninth Indian Olympiad

Patiala Out To Check Punjab's Run Of Successes

Competitors From All Parts: Eve's Bid For Laurels

(By Observer)
IN THE INDIAN OLYMPIC GAMES PUNJAB HAS HAD A SERIES OF SUCCESSSES, THEY HAVE BEEN THE CHAMPION PROVINCE IN 1928, 1930, 1932, 1934, 1936 AND 1938. Patiala's Bid

THIS YEAR, IT IS SAID, PUNJAB'S SEQUENCE OF VICTORIES IS TO BE CHECKED, AND PATIALA STATE ARE MOST LIKELY TO DO IT. THOUGH BENGAL AND BOMBAY ARE SENDING OUT A STRONG CHALLENGE, ON PAPER, THE ISSUE LIES BETWEEN PATIALA AND THE PUNJAB.

Raj Sahab Kirpa Narain is Manager of the Patiala team. He was very cheery when seen by me about the prospect of Patiala being champions in the 1940 Games. The Raj Sahab is a familiar figure in athletic circles in most parts, and what he does not know about athletics and athletics is not worth knowing.

GREAT SHOT PUTT

The captain of the Patiala group is a champion, Lieut. Zahur Ahmed is the man and all athletes know what a great fellow he is with the shot. He holds the All-India title—44 feet 3 1/2 inches. Lieut. Zahur Ahmed has since put beyond this recognised record, and I saw him on Tuesday afternoon put up a tremendous effort which measured on the tape 49 feet. The World record for this event is 54 feet. Patiala's captain is also a useful man with the Discus. He has developed, I am told, into a fine volley-ball player.

Jemadar Narinjan Singh, Patiala's Vice-Captain, has done 43 feet 6 inches in the Hop-Step and Jump at the Ludhiana Olympic Meet. The same athlete has the Running Broad Jump All-India record against his name.

MORE CHAMPIONS

Another record breaker from Patiala is Hazura Singh. His performance in the 400 metres is said to be India's best. The 800 Metres is another favourite distance of this runner.

Patiala is not short of champions, as they have the best man in the country for the 1,500 Metres.

Ranaug Singh has to show his worth in the 10,000 Metres and the State team feel they will not be disappointed in their representative.

Patiala feels almost certain of the Marathon race, as Chotta Singh knocked a full two minutes off the Indian record quite recently.

Punjab's Team

Indian Olympic Games have come to know Mr. Abdul Hamid, Punjab's Captain, in one capacity or the other. He is a great athlete himself in his day, and a record holder in a number of events. To this day two records put up by him in 1927 stand undefeated. Punjab's successes are greatly due to Mr. Abdul Hamid's consistent training and great interest he takes in his home side.

CHAMPIONS UNDISMAYED

Punjab's Manager was not dismayed at the array of champions in the Patiala Camp. He smilingly told me that the finals had not yet been run. He said they had all respect for Patiala's prowess, though, he pointed out that quite a number of the State's contingent reached fame as representatives of Punjab.

Discussing the events, he said that the Punjab's Captain, Lieut. Nazir Ahmad was capable of beating in the Discus Throw Patiala's best man and had done this before.

He said both men are old rivals and give off their best when they meet in opposition and anything is possible.

Jennings, who did the 400 Metres Hurdles in 58 3/4 at Lahore recently, did so under adverse conditions. He can nip of a little of this timing.

Gurbajan Singh's timing in the 400 Metres is 51.1 seconds. Though, at the Punjab University Sports at the 440 yards was covered by him in 50.3 seconds.

Janki Dass hopes to sweep the board in the cycling section. Reports state that he will annex for Punjab the 3,000 Metres, 10,000 Metres, the 15,000 Metres and the 100 Kilometres cycle events.

A NEW COMER

A new comer to serious athletics finds a place in the Punjab team. He is Mohamed Hussain, and is a capable man in anything from the 400 Metres Run to the Cross Country Race. Punjab, however, have put him down for the 800 Metres and the 1,500 Metres and expect good results from him.

Jehangir Khan, the well-known cricketer, now Doctor Jehangir Khan, is to make a name in Javelin throwing. Mohd. Afzalul Rahman does some swift walking over distances and he has been asked to maintain the champion's reputation in the walking events.

FURTHER EXPECTATIONS

If Miss A. Carr can repeat her practice throw with the Discus Punjab will add another record to its list. This young lady threw 80 feet yesterday at the Brabourne Stadium. Mrs. Easdon for many years India's woman champion with the Javelin is with the Punjab side.

Punjab contemplate winning the Volley-ball, the Basketball and Kabaddi tournaments.

They have hefty looking men in their wrestling team. One of these brawny laddies told me that except for the Heavy-weight title, Punjab will win all the other sections.

Madras Unlucky

Madras have been particularly unfortunate this year, as the exigencies of duties have kept their best men from making the trip to Bombay.

They will be represented by only two men in the athletic meet proper. H. A. Spittler will compete in the 400 Metres Hurdles. He is a good man. Madras has a champion in the Hop-Step and Jump. He is L. T. Boosey who recently broke the standing Indian record for the event.

Delhi Optimistic

Mr. Rameshwar Dayal was in a cheerful mood when I called upon him at the village. Humorously he told me, as a good captain, that he felt that all Delhi's representatives were good and he hoped for all wins. He added he was a wee bit optimistic.

In L. Cpl. Lockwood, Delhi have

H. H. Shri Maharajadhiraja Yadvindra Singh Mohindra Bahadur of Patiala, President, IXth Indian Olympic Games, Bombay 1940.

a useful athlete. He is to run in the 1,500 and 3,000 Metres Run.

K. G. Kulkarni goes in the 800 Metres Run, his timing in the Delhi District Meet was 2 minutes 4 1/2 seconds. A lot of training has been put in since then. Vishnu Dutt is a good performer in the High Jump.

Delhi place themselves as runners up in the Volleyball Competition.

Bengal's Hopes

Bengal's team would be minus a regular and strong prop if they came up for the Olympic Games without Mr. N. Ahmed, who has been their Manager for quite a number of All-India Olympic meetings. Chatting with this genial sportsman, he told me Bengal had come with a contingent of 110. Previously Bengal had been quite good in the sprint events. In the present Games they hoped most success in the field events, Putting the Shot, High Jump and Pole Vault.

Kiernander is Bengal's Shot Putt Champion, he goes over 43 feet. Perrett of the E. B. Railway, feels the Hammer Throw is going to give Bengal full points. He has reason to feel this way, as the other day at the Provincial Sports Meeting, Perrett greatly improved on the All-India record.

Priestly, formerly of Mysore, with Rustom Ali represent Bengal in the High Jump and both have cleared 6 feet.

This Province has two new comers representing them in the 100 metres. They are Fowler and Ferron, smart youngsters with the gun and they can fly in their present form.

SOME CLAIMS

Gantzer's admirers have allotted the 400 Metres Run and the Hurdle event over the same distance to him. No one at the Brabourne Stadium on Sunday will grudge him the double crown.

In both relay races Bengal have good combination and if the change over of the batons goes smoothly, Bengal hope to win the two relay races.

Miss Beck, a thirteen-year-old is hailed as India's woman champion. This dinky little "champ" means to set up a record. Good tuck—Kid! Miss Carraw shoulders a lot of responsibility, she will compete in the Javelin and Discus Throw, the Shot Putt, the 100 and 50 Metres.

ART OLYMPIAD

Dance And Music Recitals: Exhibition Of Sports Pictures

There is a lighter side to the Ninth Indian Olympic Games. This will be music and dance recitals to be given in the Conference Hall at Patiala Nagar from February 8 to 11. Dances by the well-known artists the Misses Nalini Jayawant, Suniti Kaushik, Lila Kanade and Navin Desai. The dancing programme will be intermingled with good musical interludes. Several artists who have become well-known over the Air and others will contribute to this side of programme.

The dance recitals fixed for February 9 will include Kathakali dances by Messrs. Chiman Sheth and Pranin Kumar with Nalini Jayawant.

The famous Yakshagana dance by Karnataka folk dancers is also an item.

The attraction of the dance recitals will be a number of folk dances by a party of Bhils who have been specially sent for by the Bhil Seva Ashram, Dohad. Season tickets for four sessions are available at Rs. 5/12 and Rs. 3/6 each. The price of day tickets will be Rs. 2/4, Rs. 1/2 and As. 9 only.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

Art has not been left out of the Olympic Games and a small exhibition of photographs depicting sport in various phases will be on view, this sports photographic show will be situated in the exhibition enclosure at Patiala Nagar. The pictures have already been judged and Messrs. Malik Photo house of Quetta were awarded the price of honour for the best exhibits. The "Times of India" Press play second. Mr. D. R. D. Wadia pictures received Hon'ble mention. This exhibition remains open from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. each day.



Janki Dass, the international racing cyclist, has accompanied the Punjab team for the Indian Olympic Games.

WEIGHT-LIFTING

Bombay's Poundage Best In Middle-Weight

Bombay's representative J. D. Telang, totalled the best aggregate poundage in the Middle-Weight section of the Weight-Lifting competition of the Indian Olympic Games on Wednesday. Bengal took second and third positions. Telang's total was 585. Ajit Singh and Henry Smith's poundage were on par—575.

In the present Games points gained at Weight-Lifting will count for the championship and the Sir Dorabji Tata Trophy.

To-day's Programme

4-6 p.m. Weight-Lifting Contest.
1-2-30 p.m. I.O.A. Council Meeting.
8-30 p.m. Official Meeting at Patiala Nagar.
9-10-15 p.m. Dance Recitals.

Provincial Records To Date

The following are the records of six provinces upto their last games:—

EVENTS	BENGAL	BOMBAY	DELHI	MADRAS	PATIALA	PUNJAB
100 metres	11 S.	11 S.	11.2 S.	11.2 S.	11.1 S.	11.2
200 metres	22.4 Sec.	22.4	22.8 Sec.	22.8	22.6	23.1
400 metres	49.8	51.3	52.4	58.1	50.8	51.0
800 metres	2-2.4	2-1.6	2-3.4	2-0.6	1-56.1	1-59.9
1,500 metres	4-28.8	4-23.8	4-13.8	4-23.3	1-57-3/6	4-15.6
3,000 metres	9.44	9.44	9-3.4	10-49.2	15-47.4	16.16
5,000 metres	15-50.6	15-50.2	15-50.2	35-51.4	35-45.6	35-45.6
10,000 metres	33-36.8	33.1	33.1	58.6	17.0	17.0
400 metres Hurdles	16.2 Sec	15.8	16.2	16.5	57-4-10	58.6
Put Shot	40' 2 3/4"	43' 7 1/2"	38' 1 1/2"	37' 5 1/4"	38' 5"	45' 2 1/2"
Pole Vault	11' 2 5/8"	10' 8"	9' 8 1/2"	10' 11 3/4"	10' 6"	10' 5 1/2"
Hop, Step and Jump	42' 10 1/2"	48' 12"	45' 3 1/2"	45' 10 1/4"	44' 8 1/2"	45' 6 3/4"
Discus Throw	117' 1"	106' 1 1/2"	112' 10 5/8"	121' 7"	115' 4 1/2"	115' 4 1/2"
Running B. Jump	22' 6 1/2"	21' 5"	21' 6 1/2"	22' 1 1/2"	21' 5"	22' 1 1/2"
Running H. Jump	5' 14"	5' 9"	5' 7"	6' 7 3/8"	5' 10"	5' 6 3/8"
Javelin Throw	166' 6"	151' 4"	154' 10"	160' 5"	165' 5"	157' 6"
Hammer Throw	127' 7"	114' 6"	118' 1"	93' 4 1/4"	121' 8"	127' 5"
3,000 metres Cycle Race	5.30	5.10.2	..	..	..	..
5,000 metres	9-49.8	..	..	..	..	..
8,000 metres	..	..	14-3.4	..	..	..
10,000 metres	18.29 2/5	27-19.7	..	..	..	..
4 x 50 metres Relay	..	45.6	46.6	23.6	..	..
4 x 100 metres Relay	..	..	46.6	45.5	..	..
4 x 400 metres Relay	..	3.34.8	..	3-35.	..	..

ANNUAL SPORTS AT THANA

"Pay More Attention To Physical Training," Says President

(From Our Correspondent)

THANA, Feb. 5.

"Do not remain satisfied with the prizes you have won to-day in sport, you have got to win many more such in whatever walk of life you may choose to adopt. In every succeeding year you should try to beat your own record of the previous year."

"I fervently appeal to Thana

public to pay more and more attention to physical training and make themselves better fitted for the battle of life," observed Mr. P. M. Joseph, Principal, Government Training Institute for Physical Education, Kandivli, while distributing prizes and trophies yesterday at the 3rd Annual Sports held at the Thana Central Maidan, under the auspices of the Arya Kreedha Mandal. A large gathering of the "elite" of the town and students of both the sexes were present at the Maidan. About 200 entrants had participated in 50 events. Amongst the boys and girls N. B. Chitre and Miss Gulab Warty came off as the

Champion winners respectively. Trophies for the Relay Races for boys and girls were won by the B. J. High School and the Arya Kreedha Mandal respectively.

Mr. M. V. Haldankar, Secretary of the Mandal read the report which detailed its activities during the last year and stated that the standard of sports, evinced by the pupils had approached that of the Bombay Olympic Games. He appealed for co-operation of the Thana public in furthering the objects of the Mandal.

A hearty vote of thanks and singing of "Vande Mataram" terminated the function.

SCIENCE AND SPORT

No Athlete Need Be Off-Colour At Games

The Ninth India Olympic Games have attracted the attention of the Medical world and some interesting research work is being conducted.

Heart specialists are giving their attention to the athletic heart. Special cardiograms of competitors in events, people class as strenuous, are being taken before and after the athletes have finished their effort, and a study is to be made of the result certain strains have on the human heart. Medical science is lending a further hand in a different way. Athletes of colour travelling, climatic changes or other causes, will be put through Hanovia Ultra Violet Rays, Infra Red Rays and short wave diathermy. This aid is being given through the co-operation of Messrs. Malgham Bros, who have loaned the apparatus free with a specialist attendant. An equipped hospital which is looked after by a number of well-known Bombay doctors is a part of Patiala Nagar.

10-15 p.m. Opening Ceremony of Art Olympiad.

10-30-11-30 p.m. Music Recitals.

FRIDAY'S EVENTS.

5 a.m. 50 Kilometre Walk.

7 a.m. Opening Ceremony of Volleyball Tournament.

7-15-9 a.m. Volleyball Tournament.

7-30 a.m. Opening Ceremony of Kabaddi Tournament.

7-45-9 a.m. Kabaddi Tournament.

8 a.m. Opening Ceremony of Basketball Tournament.

8-15-9-15 a.m. Basketball Tournament.

2-30 p.m. Assembly of all Athletes, Officials and Volunteers at the North-East Corner of the Brabourne Stadium.

President H. H. the Maharaja of Patiala.

3-45 p.m. March Past.

3-55 p.m. President's Proclamation.

3-10 p.m. Lighting of the Torch.

3-15 p.m. Taking of Oath.

3-20 p.m. Reverse Order March Past.

3-30 p.m. First Item Begins.

3-30-6-30 p.m. Athletics.

4-15-6-15 p.m. Basketball Tournament.

4-15-6-15 p.m. Volleyball Tournament.

4-15 to 6-15 p.m. Kabaddi Tournament.

4-30 p.m. Opening Ceremony of Wrestling Tournament.

4-45-6-45 p.m. Wrestling Tournament.

6-30 p.m. Sports Conference, Inaugural Session.

Reception Committee Chairman's Speech.

Presidential Address.

9-10-30 p.m. Dance Recitals.

10-11-30 p.m. Music Recitals.

MUTT AND JEFF—Ten to One Mutts Finds His Overcoat Now



By BUD FISHER

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OUR READERS' VIEWS

Bombay Fire Brigade

To The Editor of "The Chronicle".
Sir,—I distinctly remember Mr. Tanton, the then Municipal Commissioner uttering these words by way of an apology: "Rightly or wrongly an Indian was not trained; but I assure you that before his term of extension has expired one will have to be trained" when the Corporation was discussing appointment of an Indian to the post of the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade in 1936. Because a trained Indian was not available, Mr. Tanton, the Chief Officer, secured an extension of his services for another five years, which term expires this year.

May we ask if the above pledge so solemnly given by Mr. Tanton, the then Commissioner, to the Corporation is remembered and is going to be redeemed? Has an Indian been trained, if not, why not?

The question of appointing an Indian to the post of the Chief Officer of the Bombay Fire Brigade, has been hanging fire since 1929. Every time when this question has arisen, our city fathers have been persuaded into granting extension to the present incumbent on the plea that a qualified Indian was not available. Whose fault is it? Why did the present incumbent, who is in charge of the Fire Brigade for the last ten years, not train an Indian to take his place? Those who thought that he would train an Indian to take his place before he qualified for his full pension have been living in fool's paradise and they tackle this question once for all immediately. It is not that a qualified Indian is not available, it is that he would not be given a chance to show whether he is fit for the job or not. Indians want complete independence from the foreign rule, and rightly so, because they are fit to rule the country; but is it not a slur to say that an Indian cannot be found who could manage this subordinate department of the Corporation. I hope and trust that the city fathers, specially the Congress Party, would not be allowed to be misled again, but would finally settle this question, this year and thus remove a blot from the face of the Indians.

I am gathering more information about the working of the Fire Brigade Department of the Bombay Municipality and shall revert to the subject in details.—Yours, etc.,
JAYANTILAL GIRDHARILAL SHAH.

Nawiwadi, Girgaum Dadi-
seth Agriary Lane,
Bombay, February 7.

Rajkot College

To The Editor of "The Chronicle".
Sir,—The impending closing down of the Dharmendrasinhji College at Rajkot at once raises a question, to every Kathiawari "What Next?". Rajkot is the centre of Kathiawar and the hub

Points From Letters

Lebensraum

VILVERAL H. MEHTA says: "We are now definitely told that the Mahomedans want a place in the Indian sun. And this place in the Indian sun means 'a national home for the Muslims.'"

of its political, social and economic life. At present the number of students taking advantage of the College is about three hundred and given a fresh lease of life, the institution could reasonably be expected to draw at least four hundred students during the next academic year. The present deficit in the annual expenditure is in the vicinity of Rs. 20,000. After a careful scrutiny of the figures and the possible economies and an increase in the income from fees, this deficit could be reduced to only Rs. 5,000 without in any way impairing the efficiency and the general standard of teaching. The figures have been carefully worked out and the deficit in the coming years is never likely to exceed the aforementioned figure while every hope could be entertained of making the College self-sufficient in a short time.

For such a small sum as this, the Kathiawar Education Society, with service and sacrifice as its motto, can very safely rely upon the generosity and munificence of the Princes and the Public of Kathiawar, who have never failed to help a genuine cause even when it is remote from their homes.—Yours, etc.,
SHANTIKUMAR T. RAJA.

Sind Muslim Support To Abul Kalam Azad's Candidature

KARACHI, Feb. 7.
Mr. Mahomed Amin Khoso, M. L. A., and a delegate to the Ramgarh Session of the Congress, from Sind, in a press statement expresses agreement with Mahatma Gandhi's views that Maulana Abul Kalam Azad be elected Congress President. Mr. Khoso appeals to the delegates of all provinces to elect Maulana Azad unanimously.—United Press.

Dhebar For Ramgarh Congress

RAJKOT, Feb. 7.
Mr. U. N. Dhebar, President of the Rajkot Rajya Praja Parishad and Secretary of the Kathiawar Political Conference has been returned unopposed, as a delegate

STILL OPEN TO NEGOTIATIONS

Ahmedabad Millowners Ask "Why Should Labour Not Accept Cheap Grain Shops"

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 7.

"We always hope for the best but we see a silver lining in the dark clouds that hover around us, so long as we have Mahatma Gandhi in our midst." Thus declared a prominent millowner to the "United Press" representative at the end of a two-hour conference of millowners convened by the Millowners' Association to-day to clarify the present situation regarding the dispute arising out of the demand for workers' remuneration in the threatened strike.

CHARGE AGAINST LABOUR. Seth Shantilal, Vice-President of the Association, Mr. Umer Vadia, Secretary, addressing the journalists said that the millowners' proposals were not judicial findings, nor were they judicial enquiries. The wage level in the mills here were always governed by arbitration and the Labour Association had started to break the arbitration machinery by accepting the recommendations of the Textile Labour Enquiry Committee. Labour has, by its attitude, shaken their faith in arbitration.

"If the margin of difference between the two was so little, as admitted by Labour, why do the latter not accept the reasonable attitude which we have always adopted?" asked Seth Shantilal. He added: "Why should we be asked to pay the middlemen's profit by giving workers cash to purchase cloth from outside?" It was a matter of principle. Cheap grain shops had succeeded in Bombay and why not here? he asked.

Asked whether Millowners were still prepared to negotiate Seth Shantilal said that if they (Labour) came to negotiate they were still prepared to consider any reasonable proposals or suggestions.—(Continued in col. 5)

to the Ramgarh Congress from Rajkot-Wankar-Ghotla division.—A. P.

WHAT MORAL RE-ARMAMENT HAS ACHIEVED

Representatives Of The Press Meet M. R. A. Visitor

A number of those connected with the newspaper world in Bombay met last night at the club of Journalists' Association of India in connection with the arrival of Mr. Roger Hicks of the world-wide movement for Moral Re-Armament. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. S. A. Brelvi, who introduced Mr. Roger Hicks as one who had been working for Moral Re-Armament in four continents.

In his reply to the welcome extended to him by Mr. Brelvi Mr. Hicks showed by illustrations from different countries how Moral Re-Armament is providing a philosophy adequate for world crisis, and how groups of determined men and women have given a new lead to their respective countries and produced the beginnings of a new national life.

He quoted the incident of Frederick Hamm, Norwegian journalist, who had flown over the North Pole with Amundsen, who had been writing articles deliberately calculated to stir up Norwegian feeling against the Danes. Through a change in his own life the bitterness departed and he publicly apologized to the Danes through the Press and Radio, for his previous hatred. He began to write positive articles stressing the things that united the two countries and this was the beginning of a new understanding between the two countries.

LANDSLIDE IN SWEDISH LABOUR

In Sweden the lead was quickly taken by the steel workers. The press wrote of the 'landslide in Swedish labour' and books written by Labour leaders on this new yet old philosophy of Moral Re-Armament became best-sellers throughout the land. "True democracy," says Mr. Blomberg, leading poet and publicist of the Labour Party, 'depends on a decision of

each individual to live for God's sovereign in the world.' The Press wrote: "Responsible politicians have admitted their party egotism and begun to build bridges between themselves and political opponents, as the composition of our present parliament demonstrates."

LANGUAGE QUARREL COMPOSED

An illustration of how M. R. A. bridges the gulf created by differences of language was given from Finland where much bitterness has existed between the Finns and the Swedish speaking minority. After the coming of M. R. A. to Finland the Swedish-speaking Poet Laureate spoke in Finnish over the wireless, and pure Finns are now learning Swedish. Eight leaders of the Nationalist, the Swedish-speaking and the Socialist youth organisations visited the Foreign Minister to apologise for their dissensions which had weakened the country. Twenty national broadcasts on M. R. A. took place in Finland during last year.

Mr. Hicks gave other examples from his experience in the Balkans and the Near East. He also described the progress of Moral Re-Armament in Britain, where recently seven hundred Mayors and Civic Leaders issued a 'Call to our citizens' in which they said: "We call on you to play your full part in this highest form of national service." It became clear from what the speaker said that all classes, parties and creeds are working together for Moral Re-Armament throughout the world.

Other speakers gave an account of the progress of Moral Re-Armament in India and concluding the Chairman quoted the words of Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, Premier of the Punjab, "The Movement is the only silver lining in the dark clouds that have gathered on the world's horizon."

I'LL EAT MY HAT IF THIS IS PEACE

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you believe that Austria, now could honestly accept the Nazi regime as its trustee, guardian and friend? And if a plebscite says it does, it is one more lie that Germany has perpetrated with the help of its murderous Gestapo.

The last condition is equally absurd. France, Germany and Britain are asked to decide how Czechoslovakia is to be disposed of. Why? Have the Czechs no right to speak for themselves? Are they to accept without murmur the decision of France, Germany and Britain? How would Britain like it, if Japan and China were to decide its "disposal". The word "disposal" is a horrible word. It is a word of contempt and no one except a Nazi Field Marshal could have thought of it.

No, this Nazi plan, even if it has a basis of truth in it, can never be accepted by Britain and France and the rest of the civilised world. The people of the world would lose their faith in humanity, if such a plan were accepted by those who claim to be fighting a war for democracy, for freedom of the human spirit and for the right to live in peace on the face of this earth.

This war has to be fought to a finish and will be so fought. It has to be fought till Nazi Germany is made to realise that the method of brute force is not the way to triumph in this world. If the German people desire peace, they must first free themselves from the shackles of Nazism. There must come a new regime to Germany, before the Allies can feel that it can negotiate with the German people an honourable treaty of Peace. The people of Britain and France can have no faith in Hitler and the Nazis, even if their Governments may be willing to negotiate. The people of Britain unlike their governments have some sense of self-respect and they would go to the utmost to see that their will is carried out in this matter.

We must, therefore, discount in this country any possibility of peace, until we know that some fundamental change in the German High Command has taken place. After Britain has said in every national paper that Herr Hitler and his men are guilty of murder, arson and loot, you cannot draw up a treaty of peace. The only deduction that can be drawn from a peace plan, if it has really emanated from Herr Goering, is that Germany is beginning to feel the strangle-hold

which Britain and France are effectively carrying out. No other logical conclusion can be drawn.

MERE COALITIONS WON'T DO

Huq Must Stop Tinkering And Check Communal Passion

CALCUTTA, Feb. 7.
An appeal to the Hon. A. K. Fazlul Huq, to act up to his convictions and as an earnest to annual the much condemned Calcutta Municipal Amendment Act, has been made by the Congress Nationalist Party, Bengal, in a statement to-day.

The statement refers to the Chief Minister's timely proposal for a Round Table Conference and says that it would be a crime against the nation as well as posterity not to check betimes the communal passions that had been roused. It sounds a "note of warning that mere tinkering such as a Coalition with the Congress in the Bengal Cabinet will not meet the situation. In our opinion there can be no lasting good for the Province, unless the Communal Award, the fountainhead of dissensions, be removed lock, stock and barrel."—A. P.

DEATH SENTENCE FOR ONE ACCUSED

MADRAS, Feb. 7.
Mr. Justice Mockett of the Madras High Court delivered judgment to-day in the sensational "Gramani case," wherein Shanmugasundara Gramani and his wife Saradambal, and Thangavelu, a peon attached to the Mylapore burial ground, had been charged with offences in connection with the death of a servant-maid named Naransammal.

His Lordship sentenced the first accused to death, the second to two years' rigorous imprisonment and the third to three years' rigorous imprisonment.—United Press.

Chhoi Silk Mills Co.'s Annual Meeting

The 43rd annual ordinary general meeting of the Chhoi Silk Mill Company was held at the Company's premises at Hornby Road, on Wednesday, Khan Bahadur Jehangirji Chhoi presiding.

The meeting adopted the Directors' report and Audited Statements for the year ended 30th June, 1939.

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gestions. They were prepared to supply even Khaddar over and above mill cloth, if there was a genuine demand.

The President, Seth Shantilal, reaffirmed in conclusion that their offer for negotiation was still open and that they were prepared to consider any reasonable proposal.—United Press.



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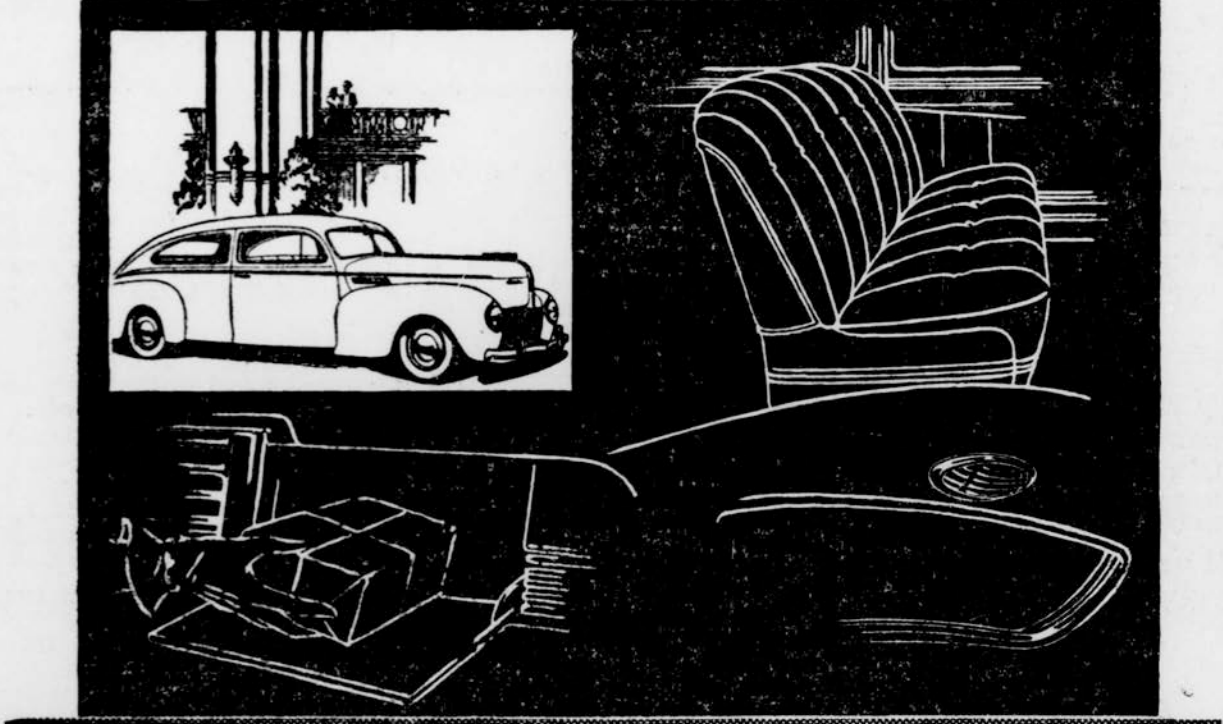
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Better And Brighter Cinemas For Bombay



"ADMI" BECOMES "MANOOS"—From Saturday the Marathi version of Prabhat's outstanding picture will be shown at Central. There are two days more for the Hindustani fans.

The Dancer Natraj Vashi

BY MANU THACKER

There never was such craze for dancing in Bombay as it is today. Bombay has gone dance-mad and no two consecutive weeks pass without the evenings being heavily filled with the spirit of Indian dancing.

To add to this spirit of the dance-season, Natraj Vashi, the well-known young dancer of Gujarat with his troupe of dancers and musicians will appear in Bombay at Capitol from 10th instant for about a week. Natraj Vashi is no new personality to Bombay.

Having gathered a band of young and talented artists, he is now on an All-India tour, and is coming to Bombay after securing great success in Calcutta, Rangoon and Madras. He has won laurels everywhere for his versatility, as in his dance-compositions he renders the best variety of India with an additional touch of Javanese, Balinese and Khadyan dancing. He portrays India's classical as well as folk-art and items like "Vanjara" (or dance of Gypsies) and "Nagkanya" (an underworld story of the Queen of Serpents) with his supporters Manjulika, Bahaduri, and Ruplekha reputed artists of Bengal, are most gripping for their brilliancy of conception. Undoubtedly "Nirvana"—the message of Borobudur is a piece of imagery of the dancer Natraj, wherein the serenity of Buddhist "stupa" of Java, an embodiment of the message of "Nirvana" of Lord Buddha, is captured. Only a talented artist could have conceived and executed such a theme wherein his true devotion to the art he pursues and what he has accomplished is portrayed.

Syt. Vashi, when in his early stage as an artist visited Ajanta and Ellora caves, was struck by their grandeur and determined to express his creative urge in the

form of dancing. Since then he has been incessantly moving from one place to another in search of material and not in India he toured, saw and studied her faunting arts but went to Burma, Java, Bali and Ceylon, to furnish himself with their current arts and to study their relation with those of India.

His settings are impressive, designed with artistic skill and true in historic details. His ballet of the serpent world "Nagkanya" has for its background the palace of the King of Serpents under deep waters and is copied from the sculptures of the Nagaraj niche of Ajanta caves, also his settings for "Message of Borobudur" and "Ranga-Puja" create the environment needed to add a vivid background to the theme staged.

In his music he has rare instruments of Java and Bali, which were given by the Sultans to him as Royal gifts when he danced at their courts and are incorporated by P. Chatterji, the music director who is one of the first rank music composers of Bengal. Lalit Kumar, a talented dancer, who was a pupil at Uday Shankar's Alimora Institution is a versatile dancer and plays important roles supported by Barua, the gifted dancer of Assam. We shall find Rup Lekha in her "Svan-Dance" and Manjulika in her "Vanjara-dance" embodiments of grace and they are the two leading artistes of the troupe.

Syt. Vashi and his ballet, I hope, will receive a warm welcome from Bombay. I cannot but just recall the words of S. Radhakrishnan, the Vice-Chancellor of the Benares University who said of Natraj, "I very much hope that the public interest in the development of Indian Art will give him the help and encouragement he so richly deserves."

SAIGAL IN BOMBAY TO-DAY!

Saigal of the golden voice, the popular New Theatres star, is in Bombay these days, on a holiday visit.

He has come here with Mr. B. N. Sircar, the Managing Director of New Theatres. This is Mr. Sircar's second visit to Bombay this year as only a few weeks ago he had come here along with his father, Sir N. N. Sircar.

"TAQDIR KI TOPE" AT IMPERIAL

On Saturday, Bharat Laxmi's new comedy, "Taqrir Ki Tope" will be released at the Imperial Cinema.

ROXY: "Kangan". Bombay Talkies' production, starring Leela Chitnis and Ashok Kumar. Interesting, sentimental melodrama. Some good songs. Very popular. Should be seen. (15th week). At 4, 7 and 10 p.m.

There are about thirty-five cinema houses in Bombay. And, at a most modest estimate, no less than three lakhs of citizens go to pictures every week. This article is addressed to these three lakhs.

Do you really enjoy your evening when you go along to see a picture? Or do you have to suffer in stuffy, overcrowded and unhygienic halls, get a headache by getting a seat too near the screen or at too sharp an angle and do you find the management impolite and impervious to your complaints?

"PRE-HISTORIC" MONUMENTS! Very few cinema houses in the city fulfil the requirements of a modern and healthy centre of amusement.

Some of them were built long ago in the era before the birth of the moving pictures. Designed for purposes of stage performances, their arrangement of seats is wholly unsuited for a cinema programme.

Some of them do not always conform to the Government regulations for the clearing and flushing of the theatres between one show and another. On some days, as many as five shows, running over fifteen hours, are given with hardly any interval for the stagnant air in the theatre to be purified.

PROFITTEERING Outside several of the theatres profiteering on tickets is rampant.

Many Existing Theatres Out-Of-Date And Unhygienic

MOBILIZING PUBLIC OPINION

By K. Ahmad Abbas

and after the "House Full" board has been put up, people can be seen selling four anna tickets for five annas and six annas.

The booking-offices of some theatres present the appearance of a fish-market or a communal pot and no attempt is made by the management to enforce the queue system.

Some of the theatres are situated in narrow by-lanes, with no foyers or verandahs so that in the rainy season people have to stand in pouring rain, awaiting their turn to purchase tickets.

Many good pictures are not seen by the discriminating class

of patrons as they run at such theatres.

There is at least one theatre where tickets are sold "subject to the discretion of the management" so that, even after paying Rs. 2/4 if the management does not like your face or your dress you can be refused admission.

MOBILIZING PUBLIC OPINION

These are just a few of the aspects in which there is considerable scope for improvement in a member of our cinema houses. Perhaps you, as a regular cine-gier, have some other grievances to ventilate. This writer has seen the conditions in most of the theatres but naturally he has not visited every single one. To make this campaign for Better and Brighter Cinema Houses in Bombay successful your co-operation is essential. Readers are, therefore, requested to write to this paper briefly suggesting in what respects they would like the existing cinema houses to be improved and on what lines they would like new theatres to be built. Every Thursday, for some weeks, some space will be devoted to this subject.

For cinema reform, as for civic reform, mobilization of public opinion is the only guarantee of success. (Next Week: Those Pre-Historic Monuments).



"MUD"—Jayant and Madhavi in a scene from the Hindustani Cinetone's progressive picture which is drawing crowds at the Pathe.

More About Manto's "Mud"

BY OUR FILM CRITIC

Nobody loves a film critic. Few like him and no one seems to understand him. Or am I being too pessimistic? Consider the facts.

I have been taken to task for my review of "Mud" that appeared last week.

A friend and colleague, after seeing the picture, complained that I had over-praised it—despite the fact that I had described many of the situations to be crude and ludicrous!

On the other hand a gentleman closely connected with the Hindustani Cinetone was heard to observe that I had given them a raw deal and been throughout hostile in my writing—despite the fact that I handed "an extra large bouquet" to the producers and another bouquet to the photographer and concluded with a definite recommendation to the readers. "You must go and see it!"

Which just proves that tight-rope walking is nothing when compared to film criticism and that deep chasms of scorn and contempt and misunderstanding menace you on either side.

Anyway I have no intention of recanting my review. I have, meanwhile, seen "Mud" for the second time and I am convinced that it is just the sort of picture which can be neither given unqualified praise nor condemned wholesale. But it is eminently worth seeing.

This week I propose to write about some more of its striking features which I either like or dislike.

I like, for instance, the performances of Shobhana Samarth and Madhavi. Shobhana actually has very little to do, except to pose for some pretty-pretty portraits, but within the limitations of her role she does manifest a poise and personality that are distinct assets for a film star. Madhavi (I don't remember to have seen her before in a film) has a more "meaty" role, bristling with melodramatic situations, and she plays it with a confidence and verve that are commendable in a relatively inexperienced artiste.

But with all my past admiration for K. N. Singh's work in "Industrial India" and "Sitar", I could not resist his angular mannerisms and facial contortions in "Mud". He should resist every temptation to be typed as a conventional "villain" if he is to fulfil the promise of histrionic achievement that he had held forth in his previous performances.

Since making "Mother India" Director Gunjal certainly seems to have improved in his work. "Mud," with its patches of bad direction, yet makes a bold bid for enterprising technique which was nowhere to be seen in "Mother India."

I wish Director Gunjal had resisted the temptation to overload the picture with songs. The two chorus songs, sung by the workers in the beginning and the end, tend to give the impression that

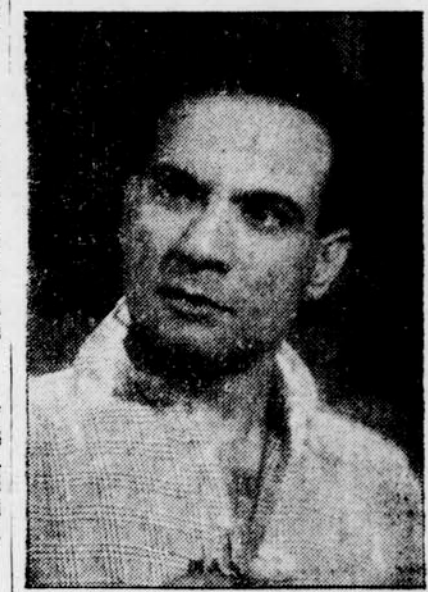
the workers' lot is a happy one. Then why all this talk about starving masses?

Jayant's "Prithvi", as a labourer, is unconvincing and self-conscious like a young Lothario who puts on rags to go to a fancy dress dance. As an arrogant "mawli", however, he gives to his characterization a certain rugged realism.

S. H. Manto, the author of "Mud", reviewing the picture in his paper, "Musavvir", has taken practically the same stand as "The Chronicle." It is not every author who has so much courage. Even some world-fame have been forced, for mercenary motives, to issue certificates of approval to film versions of their novels even though they knew that the Hollywood scenarists had utterly failed to make a correct adaptation.

"I have found it impossible to soothe suffering patients with a song from Kabir. The hungry millions ask for one poem—invigorating food. They cannot be given it. They must earn it. And they can earn only by the sweat of their brow."

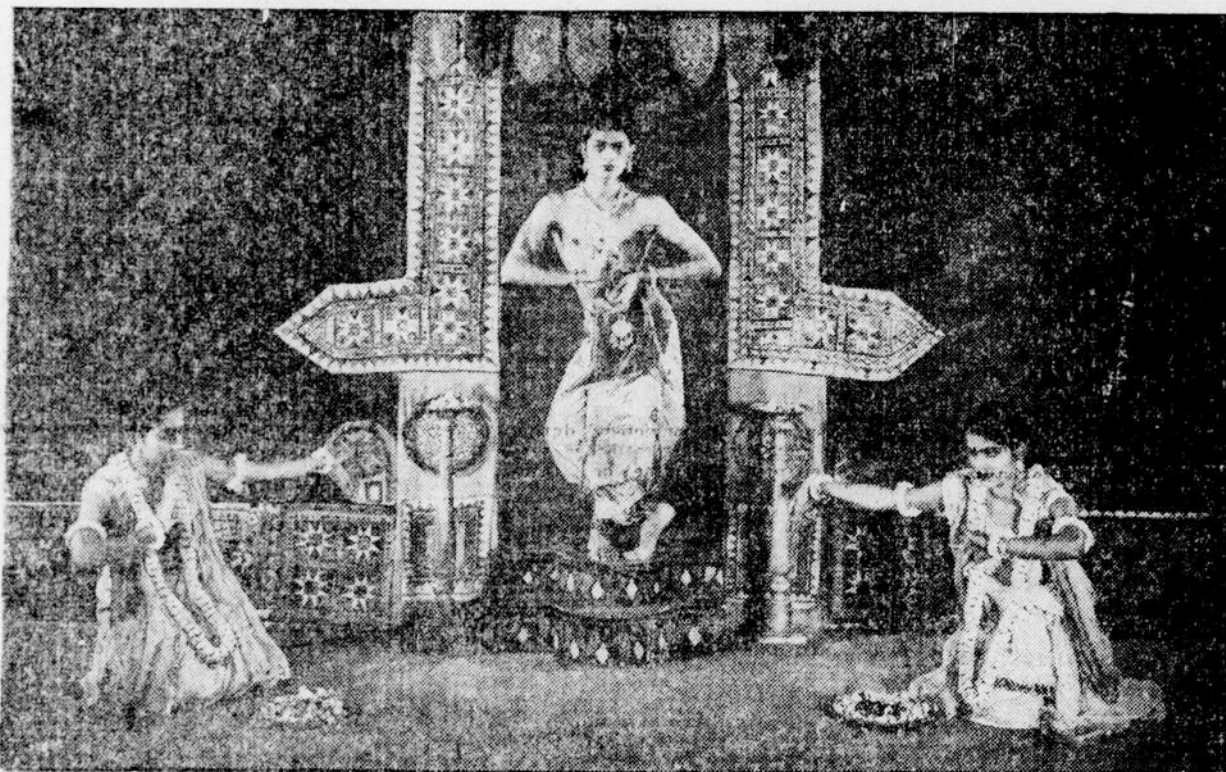
With these words, quoted from Mahatma Gandhi's historic reply to Poet, Tagore (Young India, 13th October, 1921), as an epilogue, the picture closes. It is a heartening to find that even if the Mahatma does not approve of the cinema, his ideas are inspiring a newer, better and more purposeful type of film in India.



MOTILAL,

the popular Ranjit star will be seen in "Holi" which is shortly coming to the Imperial Cinema.

NATRAJ VASHI BALLETS TO BE SEEN AT CAPITOL ON SATURDAY



Natraj Vashi, Manjulika and Ruplekha in "Ranga Puja".

A. B. C. OF COMING FILMS

ALAKH NIRANJAN (Gorakhnath)...Produced by Arun Pictures, directed by Bhai G. Pendharkar, featuring Leela, Nandekar, Vimal Sardesai.

ALIBABA...Produced by Sagar, directed by Mahboob, featuring Surendra, Sardar Akhtar, Vahidan, etc., based on the well-

BOMBAY FILM DIARY

CENTRAL: "Admi" Prabhat Shantaram production, starring Shama Hublikar, Shahu Modak. No intelligent cinegoer dare miss it. (22nd and last week Marathi version from Saturday). At 4, 7, 10 p.m. Zanana Show every Thursday, 1 p.m.

IMPERIAL: "Ghazi Salahuddin" a Supreme production, based on a story of the third crusades. Starring Ratanbai with Ghulam Mohamed, Mazhar Kian, Yaqub, Ishwarai, etc., of special interest to Muslims. At 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m. (Fifth and last week).

KRISHNA: "Jawani ki Reet". New Theatres' entertaining film, starring Kananbala with Najam, Nemo and Jagdish. (Fifth week). At 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.

MAJESTIC: "Mazi Ladki" (Marathi). Comedy, featuring Jayshree, Ratnamala, etc. (Fourth week). At 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.

MINERVA: "Pukar". Sohrab Modi's screen achievement reviving the old Moghul glory. Featuring Naseem, Chandra Mohan and Sohrab Modi. Very popular. Should be seen. (27th week). At 4, 7 and 10 p.m.

OPERA HOUSE: "Aachut" (in Gujarati). Ranjit's purposeful picture with a message, starring Gohar, Motilal, Vasanee, Sitara, Mazhar, Charlie, etc. Must be seen. (Seventh week). At 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.

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JAYSHREE

who is featured in Saraswati's "Mazi Ladki" (Marathi), now at the Majestic. This lucky girl, it is believed, has been put under contract by Prabhat and is expected to appear in Shantaram's forthcoming picture.

known tale of the Arabian Nights, booked for Pathe.

ARDHANGI...Huns Pictures production, starring Leela Chitnis, Eaburao Pendharkar, Minakshi, Vinayak.

DEFEAT...Minerva Production, directed by Jagirdar, starring Naseem.

HOLI...Ranjit Production, directed by Kardar, starring Motilal with Khurshid, Sitara, Ishwarai, Datey, etc., booked for Imperial.



KANANBALA,

the popular New Theatres star, who appears as a smart society girl in "Jawani Ki Reet" which continues to be popular at Krishna Talkies.

other Marathi-knowing cinegoers in the city will no doubt take advantage of seeing this picture over again, this time in a language with which they are more familiar. Retaining all those qualities which won for "Admi" universal acclaim, "Manoos" has the added advantage of Anant Kanekar's original Marathi dialogues and that, by itself, should be a sufficient inducement to all Marathi-knowing fans to see this picture.



ASHOK KUMAR

who plays the lead in Bombay Talkies' "Kangan" still drawing crowded houses at the Roxy.

JINNAH'S 'IMAGINARY MUSLIM STATE'

Indian Mussalmans Will Not Fall In With Utopian Scheme, Says Mahomedbhoy Rowjee

Mr. Mahomedbhoy I. M. Rowjee, ex-Sheriff of Bombay, and Chief Vazir and President of H. H. the Aga Khan's Supreme Council for Bombay Presidency has issued the following statement:—

The proposition of an independent Muslim State of Mr. Jinnah merits condemnation by the Mussalmans of India to which ever political party they may belong. Even a cursory examination of this scheme will show its absurdity. For example, is the so-called Muslim state going to be a Shia or Sunni state? Is it possible for the Muslims who have

got very extensive vested interests in other parts of India to exchange their present rights in British India for the right of being called nationals of the Muslim state?

Will the Mussalmans of India be prepared to forgo their rights now enjoyed in other parts of India for the sake of rights in the Muslim state of Mr. Jinnah's imagination, and will they be prepared to live as perpetual minority in the scheme of the Central Government that is going to come?

MUSLIMS WILL NOT FALL IN

It is common knowledge that Muslims have invested huge amounts in properties all over India. Is Mr. Jinnah prepared to advise them all to dispose off those properties and go to his Utopia? And is he ever likely to find out equally good sources of investment in his imaginary Muslim state? It is quite evident that all the Muslims of India cannot be persuaded to settle down in the Muslim state of Mr. Jinnah, but wherever they may be in India they may be regarded as the nationals of that state. For such people, the rights and privileges of being citizens of the Muslims state would be of no practical use, but on the contrary, they would be deprived of all rights and privileges which they at present enjoy in British India. Is it not absurd for Mr. Jinnah to expect Indian Mussalmans to accept this proposition?

LEAGUE CLAIM QUESTIONED.

But the main question is: to what extent Mr. Jinnah and his Muslim League represent the Muslims of India? May I ask whether the Muslim League has been able to form a Muslim League Ministry in any of the five predominantly Muslim provinces of India? In the predominantly Muslim province of North Western Frontier, the Muslims have accepted the Congress Government with a vengeance. The second predominantly Muslim province of Assam has a coalition Ministry. In the third predominantly Muslim province of Sind, the Muslim League has yet to wait to come to office. The remaining two provinces with Muslim majority in their Assemblies, viz. the Punjab and Bengal are under the able leaderships of the Hon'ble Sir Sikander Hyat Khan and the Hon'ble Mr. Fazlul Haq respectively, who are quite capable of getting on independently of Mr. Jinnah and his League. It is only out of courtesy that they pay outward homage to the Muslim League. This is indeed a very pitiable picture of a body which claims to represent and speak for the Mussalmans of India. In short, in the whole of India the Muslim League has not succeeded to be in the Government of any province of India, Muslim or non-Muslim. It will of course be a different matter if Mr. Jinnah demanded weightage in provincial or central bodies or in the Services, or if he had raised his voice against any discriminatory taxation by the Congress Ministries which would act prejudicially to the interests of the Muslim minorities in those provinces, such as the Urban Im-



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Around The Courts

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Eleven persons were arrested by the Anti-Gambling Squad, on a charge of "Sutta-gambling". Five men were arrested in a "rage at Kuma Street, the rest were arrested in the King Edward Restaurant at Cawaji Pestonji Chawl, new Colaba. Sewri on a charge of receiving Sutta bets.

All the accused were placed before Mr. J. M. Barot, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Court, and were bailed out.

ARRESTS UNDER ABKARI ACT

Asked by Deputy Commissioner N. M. Kamte of the Central Intelligence Prohibition Section and Superintendent Rao Sahab Dere, to investigate allegations of liquor being smuggled into Bandra by an Indian Christian in a car 'via' Andheri-to-Kurla Road, Inspector Twiss and a Sub-Inspector of the X Division, Dadar, searched a car at Andheri.

One bottle of liquor was, it is stated, found in the front seat near the driver. Another bottle of liquor and two empty bottles smelling liquor were, it is alleged, found in a handbag lying on the rear seat. The car was Bandra Taxi No. X9277 driven by Joseph Pereira, and was seized by the police.

All the occupants were put under arrest on a charge under the Abkari Act.

Police are making vigorous inquiries in the matter.

LIQUOR CONCEALED IN DHOTI?

On the 5th instant at about 6-15 p.m. a bus conveying passengers from Nask to Bombay arrived at Sion Causeway, was stopped and searched by the Prohibition Police. The search, it is stated, yielded eighteen bottles of Musambi liquor concealed in Dhoti made into a bundle to give an appearance of a small parcel. This was found on the top of the bus.

The driver is said to be responsible for smuggling these eighteen bottles of Musambi liquor. He was put under arrest on a charge under the Abkari Act and was taken to Dadar Police Station.

Inspector Twiss is making further investigation in the matter.

CONVICTED OF CHEATING.

Alibhai Mawji Kabani, a partner of the Swastik Commercial Agency was sentenced to-day to 12 months' rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 500 by the Presidency Magistrate, Third Court being found guilty on a charge of cheating in respect of Rs. 500.

The accused along with Ali Mahomed Fazal Patel, a business man stood charged with cheating. The Magistrate acquitted the second accused, giving him the benefit of doubt.

The first accused admitted 8 previous convictions and on the evidence before the Court, he was sentenced as above.

The fine if paid was directed to be paid to the complainant as compensation.

ALLEGED PICKING OF POCKET

On a charge that he had picked from the pocket of a Press-Reporter a fountain pen in the premises of the J. J. Hospital yesterday morning, Gulam Hassan, Abdul Rahiman was placed before Mr. I. S. Hajl, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Court, this morning, and was ordered to be in police custody till February 21.

INQUEST VERDICT ON PENSIONED OFFICIAL

At the resumed inquest on the body of Pestonji Edalji captain (65), a pensioned postal official, residing at Colaba, who was knocked down by a motor car N/6375 at Custom House Road on December 30 and who subsequently died in the Parsi General Hospital on January 28, the Coroner's jury returned a verdict of death due to injuries complicated by pneumonia.

Validity Of Birth Certificate Questioned

The correctness of a birth certificate issued by the Thana Municipality was challenged in a pro-

movable Property Tax of Bombay. All fair-minded Muslims should have agreed with Mr. Jinnah if he had stated that the incidence of taxation under that Act was more against the interests of the Muslims than against those of any other community. He would have been right, therefore, if he had asked for a definite enactment in the Government of India Act that if any measure, provincial or central, affected the interests of Muslims as a community, and if three-fourths of the elected Muslim members of that body had voted against it, then it shall not become Law. He will be justified in this way in preventing the Muslims from becoming the prey of heavy taxation at the hands of the Legislatures where they do not enjoy a clear majority.

ceeding before the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Sen on Tuesday on the ground that the birth register was easily accessible to any one bent on mischief.

The Chief Justice expressed surprise whereupon, the Government Pleader said he was in a position to show that the register was kept in a place where anyone could get hold of it.

The birth certificate was produced by Hallimgul Azimkhan, who described himself as a Sarang, to prove that he was a British Indian subject and that the Foreigners' Act, under which an order for his deportation to Afghanistan had been made, did not apply to him.

TESTING VALIDITY

Hallimgul stated in his petition to the High Court that he had been deported under the Foreigners' Act in 1935. He subsequently returned to India in order to test the validity of the order of deportation and resided at Mumbai, in Thana District. He was arrested and put up before a Magistrate at Thana, but was released, on bail pending inquiry. On September 17 last, he was arrested under a warrant from the District Magistrate of Thana and jailed.

Coroner Recommends Prosecution Of Car Owner

Accepting the unanimous opinion of the jury of guilty for negligence driving, the city coroner recommended that Andree ought to be prosecuted under Section 304 I, P. Code.

It was stated at the inquest Ramchandra Sawarkar a cyclist was knocked down by a motor car while he was riding on the cycle at Love Grove Road on January 28.

He sustained severe injuries as a result of which he died in Hospital on January 28.

Andree, the owner of the car, who was driving at the time stated that he did not blow horn as there was no traffic on the road.

Adulteration Of Foodstuffs

Sixteen persons were convicted by the Municipal Courts Bombay, for adulteration of foodstuffs during the week ended February 3. Their punishments ranged from Rs. 15 fine or two weeks' imprisonment to Rs. 75 fine or one month's imprisonment.

Two persons were convicted during the same week for adulteration of ghee and butter. Their punishments ranged from Rs. 30 fine or 30 days' imprisonment respectively.

CENSOR'S SIXTH SENSE

(Continued from page 6) place of knitting done in an apparently straight-forward manner that will convey a message. So if there happen to be a few errors of prul where there ought to be plain that pair of socks may never reach anybody's feet.

All parcels are similarly searched. The enemy agent will do his best to include a message in a parcel of ordinary goods. It is often difficult to do this efficiently and there have been cases, for instance, of messages being concealed in a packet of lard or the centre of a ball of wool. But once again, suspicion is likely to be aroused by the mere fact of sending such things abroad which can easily be purchased on the Continent. That box of Christmas crackers may be a present, but on the other hand the "gift" in the centre may not be the sort of thing usually found in a cracker. It is even necessary to keep an alert eye on all sorts of things that would not seem likely to be used for conveying a message. The string round an otherwise innocent parcel may have certain knot in it that means something to the recipient.

The censor's work is monotonous. Each day they read about a hundred letters and only a very small percentage gives rise to action. They cultivate an impersonal attitude to the task and find little interest in the communication itself. A vow of secrecy is taken by all the workers, and naturally they regard anything they may note in correspondence as confidential. The hundred or so letters they read each day are read with only one purpose in view—to stop espionage and to render such activities either misleading or harmless.

London-Istanbul

Overland Route

A press note issued by the W.I.A.A. states that the Jugoslavenski Touring Klub has just inaugurated a portion of the London-Istanbul route comprising the stretch between the Hungarian frontier and Belgrade, over a length of 203 Kilometres.

The road was opened with great éclat but the ceremony was perforce only a national event as the present international situation did not permit the authorities to give it an international character. The Alliance Internationale de Tourisme of which the W.I.A.A. is a member, was represented by the functionaries.

The portion of the route is now open to all traffic in a general way.

CHINESE TEMPLE DISPUTE

Mortgagee's Rights Discussed

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice (Sanjeev) Plaintiff.

Abraham E. Mansoor v. Lee Wing and Ors., trustees of the Chinese temple at Erskine Road

The Plaintiff was the mortgagee of a property at Erskine Rd. belonging to the Defendants. The Plaintiff had lent in all a sum of Rs. 36,000 under a mortgage Deed dated 16th March, 1936 and a Deed of Further charge dated 22nd July 1936.

The present suit was filed as a short cause to obtain the usual preliminary mortgage decree. Though the mortgagees were trustees the plaintiff also asked for a personal decree against them on the basis of the personal covenant contained in the mortgage deed.

The 9th Defendant alone contested the suit. He contended that there could not be any personal liability and claimed a perpetual right to house the Chinese Gods "Concoen" and "Voonchee" who had been housed in the mortgaged premises. The 9th Defendant claimed accounts from the mortgagee on the basis of wilful default. The mortgagee had obtained the appointment of a Receiver who was not named in the mortgage-deed and not assented to by the mortgagors. The 9th Defendant contended that the mortgagee himself must therefore be deemed to be in possession and as such must account on the basis of wilful default.

Sir Jamshedji Kanga—The gods

COMMUNAL TENSION IN GAYA

PATNA, Feb. 7. The situation in Gaya, where there has been communal tension for the last three days is now getting under control, according to information available in official quarters here.

Yesterday when the tension manifested itself in isolated assaults, Section 144 orders were promulgated enforcing a curfew and banning the parading of volunteers and gathering of more than five persons.

Military police were also dispatched from here last night to assist the police in Gaya.—A. P.

were thrown out on to the streets and broken to pieces.

Mr. Daphtary—"That's not true." Subsequently the parties agreed to take a consent order whereby accounts were to be given on an ordinary basis till 15th April 1937 and thereafter on the basis of wilful default. The suit was referred to the Commissioner of Accounts and costs of the suit and further directions were reserved by the Court.

Mr. C. K. Daphtary instructed by Mrs. Cathare and Liladhar appeared for the plaintiff.

Sir J. B. Kanga instructed by Messrs. Manchanda and Co. appeared for the 9th Defendant.

The 6th Defendant appeared in person.

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Manoeuvring For Coalition?

LEAGUE GAME TO FORCE CONGRESS HANDS

Pakistan Movement, A Mere Stunt

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

NEW DELHI, Feb. 7. I understand that at the Working Committee meeting of the Muslim League, the Punjab and Bengal Premiers were asked, if they would agree to have Coalition Governments with the Congress, in case the Congress agreed to include Muslim League ministers. They were willing, they said, and made public announcements thereafter. It appears however that the statements made by the Bengal Premier apologising for his Jubbulpore speech had definite connection with his interview with the Viceroy and others in New Delhi.

Political observers here point out that Mr. Jinnah has not protested against the refusal of inquiry into the allegations against Congress Governments, nor has the Muslim League Working Committee taken note of this fact. This means, it is stated they were not serious about the matter and Mr. Jinnah's letter to the Viceroy had indicated his unwillingness to press the inquiry demand. There is evident relief in League circles over the suspension of Gandhi-Viceroy talks, for they apprehended a settlement and return of Congress Government to office.

Competent observers feel that all talk about 'atrocities' is really and essentially intended to press the Congress to form coalition Government in provinces. The scheme for separate national Home and autonomous Moslem State has been shelved for the present.

I understand that at least nine members out of twenty-one of the Muslim League Working Committee urged Mr. Jinnah to come to an understanding with the Congress, but Mr. Jinnah had minority for his viewpoint. There is some justification for the Punjab Premier's optimism about the Congress and the League coming to an understanding, since opinion is growing silently, but surely though it is not at all vocal, that Muslims have nothing to gain by being hostile to the Congress. More of this view would be heard when the League Council meets by the end of the month. Efforts are also being made that the Muslim League delegation should not leave India till the end of April, if at all.

'FORWARD BLOC' MEMBERS SHADOWED

Allegations Against U. P. Police

(From Our Correspondent)
ALLAHABAD, Feb. 7.
Five active Congress workers

belonging to the Forward Bloc here, are watched and shadowed by the police according to Pandit Malaviya. General Secretary of the Bloc.

According to the Secretary's statement these young men are required to report themselves to the police in the evening; at night also, police constables wake them up at late hours to find whether they are present in their houses. In the day, they are shadowed by plain clothes C.I.D. men.

The Secretary says "it is not known for what offence these members of the Forward Bloc are shadowed by the police. If the police have got any evidence against them, they should formulate definite charges against them and bring them up for trial before a court."

SUKKUR RIOT CASES

KARACHI, February 7. The first judgment in the Sukkur Riot cases was delivered by the Special Magistrate at Sukkur today convicting two Muslims under Section 133 I.P.C. and sentencing them to a month and three weeks' simple imprisonment each.—United Press.

AGA KHAN FOR BOMBAY

KARACHI, Feb. 7. H. H. the Aga Khan left by air for Bombay this morning.—United Press.

Calcutta Businessmen Seek Interview With Viceroy

CALCUTTA, Feb. 7. It is understood the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry have invited the member bodies, numbering about 50 to a deputation consisting of the Presidents or Vice-Presidents of these bodies to wait on His Excellency the Viceroy on a day convenient to His Excellency in connection with the Excess Profits Tax Bill.—United Press.



Mrs. Sarojini Naidu addressing the fifth annual conference of the Bombay Presidency Women's Council in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening.

GOVT. ASKED TO AMEND HINDU LAW

All Iniquities Suffered By Women Should Be Removed

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The first session of the Bombay Presidency Women's Council met this morning at the Town Hall under the presidency of Mrs. Maneklal Premchand and the following resolution was passed:—

"This Conference is of opinion that there has been a strong agitation throughout the country for revising the present Hindu Law so as to remove all iniquities suffered by women, with special reference to marriage, divorce, guardianship and inheritance and therefore requests the Central Government to appoint a representative Committee including adequate number of women to examine the whole question, and not only one part of it, as is undertaken by the Government very recently to consider the rights of Hindu women regarding maintenance and residence only."

Mrs. T. D. Desai, Mrs. J. S. Lam and Mrs. S. R. Dongerkery spoke on the resolution, drawing the Council's attention to the fact

that on secular matters the "Shastras" permitted such alterations to be made in the law as the spirit of the times demanded. The minutes of the Annual General meeting and the report on the Finance Sub-Committee were adopted.

MANTRI'S DISCOURSE ON LITERACY

The second session started at 3 o'clock. Mr. K. T. Mantri, Chief Literacy Officer of Bombay spoke on the general political and social advance of India. To maintain steady progress universal education was essential. To this end literacy propaganda became imperative. The Government could not tackle the problem fully on account of financial reasons. So he appealed to the delegates to supplement Government efforts by their service in the cause of literacy.

Miss Kapli Khanwala traced the relation between India's political status and illiteracy. The problem could be solved by the joint efforts of Government and private bodies.

Mrs. Maneklal Premchand explained that the National Council for women in India came into being so that the activities of

MAHAJATI SADAN SURPRISE

Injunction Against Calcutta Corporation To Restrain Payment

CALCUTTA, Feb. 7.

On the ex-parte application of Mr. Harish Chandra Ghose and four others, including two councillors, Mr. Justice McNair issued today an interim injunction restraining the Corporation of Calcutta from paying out a lakh of rupees to the Mahajati Sadan (Bengal Congress House) Committee in accordance with its resolution passed on January 30.—A. P.

different provincial women's organisations might be co-ordinated. Similarly the International Council of women had come into existence to bring women of all nations into contact, discuss their common problems and help generally in the cause of women. The second object was the service of humanity without distinction of race, religion or community. A condolence resolution on the death of Mrs. Abbas Tyabjee was passed, all delegates standing.



The Bombay National Guards who will be celebrating their fifth year of National Service on the 24th of this month.

"Editors And Printers Should Be At Least Matriculates"

Mr. Navalrai's Motion Defeated By Overwhelming Opposition

NEW DELHI, Feb. 7. The Assembly to-day refused assent to Mr. Lalchand Navalrai's proposal to prescribe certain educational and moral qualifications for an editor of newspapers and keepers of presses in India. The Government remained neutral. The proposal was contained in a bill to amend the Press and Registration of Books Act and in moving for its circulation, Mr. Lalchand declared that it was necessary to improve the tone of the press and have "better material to edit newspapers."

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION

It could not be denied, he said, that a section of the press was run by persons of not very desirable culture and calibre and it was high time to control such presses by providing some rules of conduct and educational qualifications.

He proposed that no person who had been convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude or who had not the educational qualification of passing the Matriculation examination should be permitted to make a declaration as the

printer or the editor of a newspaper. The Bill was sharply attacked from many sides of the House.

When the motion was put to vote, only the mover and Bhai Parmanand stood in support of it and a large number was against it.

I. P. C. AMENDMENT BILL TO BE CIRCULATED

The Home agreed to the circulation of Mr. Lalchand Navalrai's Bill to amend the Indian Penal Code so as to raise the age limit of a person, female as well as male, in connection with the offence of kidnapping and abduction to 18 years or below instead of the existing age limit of 16 in the case of a female and 14 years in the case of a male.

Sir Reginald, Home Member, said that the Bill was of a character that required consultation with the Provinces and he moved for its circulation.

The mover accepted the motion and the House then adjourned till to-morrow.—A. P.

SENTENCE ENHANCED

Jail Official Who "Beat Helpless Prisoners And Tortured Them"

LAHORE, Feb. 6.

"When an officer in control of helpless prisoners beats and tortures them, the severest sentence known to the Law should be inflicted. An example must be made in order to show conclusively to others who may be similarly inclined to treat those in their custody, that the Courts cannot tolerate such cruelty."

With these observations, Sir Douglas Young, Chief Justice of the Lahore High Court, enhanced the sentence of one year's rigorous imprisonment to seven years against Chamanlal, former Deputy Superintendent, of the new Central Jail, Multan, for severely beating half a dozen convicts, two of whom succumbed to the injuries.

Chamanlal and seven convict warders had been sentenced by the Additional District Magistrate, Multan, to one year's rigorous imprisonment each, while another warder had been awarded five years' rigorous imprisonment. All of them appealed to the High Court. The Chief Justice after reading the record, issued a notice of his own accord to Chamanlal to show cause why his sentence should not be enhanced.

With regard to the appeals of the remaining eight accused, His Lordship upheld the convictions and sentences in the case of seven, and reduced the sentence of one to the term already undergone.—United Press.

The Half-Column "Dim"

The R.W.I.C. will have something to read now that Mr. Horniman is to concentrate on the management of the Turf Club.

Even as the Hindus celebrate the Dassera, the Alliance Francais will celebrate their "On Dausera" on Wednesday, February 9th. This explanation comes from Nepean Sea Road.

One is tickled by the sight of Sikhs from Patiala running round the athletic grounds with what appears from a distance to be an ice-bag on their heads.

Mr. A. F. S. Talyarkhan has taken his hat off to an Arab, but this has no diplomatic significance.

The nightingale of India has been chirping in our local town hall.

From all accounts Miss Hajji, the new tennis hope, goes down smiling. I like this sporting spirit in our coming generation.

Ivanoff, Bulyanoff and Kopalshi (pardon the uncertain spelling) are to come to India to look into the question of Excess Profits Tax. Interviewed in Constantinople, (where they have opened a restaurant) by our special correspondent, Kopalshi said: "It is sabotage of the forces of Socialism and Capitalistic propaganda such as is punishable only with Siberia."

Sarat Bose's Reply To Kripalani

CALCUTTA, Feb. 7. Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose has sent the following telegram to Acharya Kripalani, General Secretary of the A. I. C. C.

"Read your statement this morning. No useful purpose would be served by uttering threats from a distance. If you wish to convert Bengal to Working Committee's viewpoint please tour Bengal district, explain and attempt to justify their decision. You will then realise in what capacity I speak."—United Press.

Sarat Bose Interviews Bengal Governor

CALCUTTA, Feb. 7. Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, leader of the Congress Party in the Bengal Legislative Assembly, had an interview with His Excellency the Governor of Bengal to-day.—A. P.

Edgar Wallace Detective Story Day By Day

INSPECTOR WADE THE JUG OF DEATH

MILE AFTER MILE, WADE AND DONAVAN PRESS AFTER THE FLEEING GANGSTER

UNTIL, WITH THE DAWN...

THERE'S CANELL'S CAR! STOPPED AT THE TOP OF THE ROAD!

HE'S GONE TO EARTH HERE SOMEPLACE! TIME TO START SEARCHING, DON!

A MARBLE QUARRY! LOOK, DON—THAT'S HOW THEY MADE CARBON MONOXIDE GAS! A LITTLE ACID WORKING ON THE MARBLE DOES IT!